

BRUTAL MURDER OF L.B. WOOD

Deliberately Killed: Bound, Thrown Into Stream, Pinned Down By Rock
Eye-Witness Story
By G.R. Ross

Mr. L. B. Wood, 44-year-old managing director of the Canton office of Messrs. Deacon and Co., Ltd., was brutally murdered by four Chinese highwaymen near Lion's Rock on Wednesday afternoon.

Both he and his hiking companion, Mr. G. R. Ross, Director of the same company, were first badly beaten up by the robbers who used rocks and stones. Both were trussed up and relieved of their money and watches.

After dealing with Mr. Wood, the men threw him down the side of the road into a shallow stream. There, with a huge rock on his shoulders, pinning him down, his dead body was found by the police later in the evening. A police report said that he had died from drowning.

A large posse of police were out all night and yesterday morning the hills for traces of the highwaymen, who were armed with a revolver containing bullets that did not detonate when fired.

The police have offered a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the men responsible for the outrage.

Mr. Wood's body, trussed up, was found by a party of police, headed by Div. Supdt. Charles Mottam and Inspector Smith, and led by Mr. G. R. Ross.

According to a report made to the Kowloon City Police Station by Mr. Ross at 6.10 p.m. on Wednesday, he went out hiking with his co-director about 1.30 p.m. along the catchwater at Tai Po Road.

While halfway up Kowloon Pass, near Lion's Rock, they were held up by three Chinese males, one of whom was armed with a revolver. Instead of complying with the demand to "stand and deliver," Messrs. Ross and Wood went for their men.

After a fierce fight, the two Europeans were overpowered. Each of them was hit on the head with a rock, and their hands bound with wire. Rocks were then thrown at them by the robbers, after which Mr. Ross was thrown on to the bushes on the left side of the Pass where he lay for some time.

When the men had left the scene Mr. Ross got to his feet and climbed on to the Pass. Seeing that the undergrowth on the opposite side was flattened out, he deduced that his friend (Mr. Wood) must have been thrown over the side.

With his hands still bound, Mr. Ross slid down the side of the Pass until he came to a stream where he found Mr. Wood, trussed up, lying in the water with his head submerged.

Working under great difficulty, Mr. Ross managed to raise his friend's head above water and drag his body from the stream on to the bank.

Mr. Ross then struggled up the side and walked up over Lion's Rock where he met a Chinese driver who, after untying his hands, gave him a lift to Kowloon City Police Station.

Accompanied by the Police party, Mr. Ross later went back to the scene of the outrage. With the aid of their torches, the Police secured the area and

Killed By A Shark

Sydney, Feb. 12.

Ronald Johnston, aged 16, a lifeguard, was mauled to death by a shark at Stockton Beach today.

The shark struck him 40 yards from shore. A fellow lifeguard brought him to shore but he died a few minutes later. — Associated Press.

Russia Does Some More "Accusing"

Moscow, Feb. 12.

The Soviet Union today accused Britain and France of being the first to conclude non-aggression pacts with Hitler in further details from captured German documents, published by the Soviet Information Bureau.

The statement cited the Anglo-German naval agreement of 1935; the declaration signed by Hitler and Chamberlain in September, 1938 at the time of the Munich agreement, and a similar declaration by the French and German governments on December 6, 1938 as non-aggression pacts.

These, with the Munich agreement, "being the gates wide open for Hitlerite aggression against the Soviet Union," the statement declared.

Britain and France, the information bureau statement declared, aimed at "leading Germany to aggression" in the East to ward off German ambitions towards themselves.

"It was thus that political conditions for uniting Europe without Russia were created," the statement said.

"What was sought was the complete isolation of the Soviet Union."

"Bits And Pieces"

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that some of the German documents published by Russia in an effort to blame the Western Powers for the rise of Hitler would be included in the forthcoming publication by Britain, the United States and France of the German foreign Office archives.

The spokesman referred to the Moscow publications as "bits and pieces" and said he was not in a position to state whether or not they were verified.

He said the three western Powers had three volumes of Nazi archives under preparation for publication and these would cover the period from mid-1936 to December, 1941.

At the same time, he said, documents from British archives covering the same period are being made ready for publication, he added. "This will give ample opportunity for cross-checking."

Meanwhile, a dispatch from Moscow said the Russians struck

S'hai Gold Bars Mixed With Brass

SHANGHAI, FEB. 12. — GOLD-BARS — BOTH TEN-OUNCE AND ONE-OUNCE BARS — IN SHANGHAI HAVE BEEN MIXED WITH BRASS. IT HAS BEEN DISCOVERED BY GOLD-SMITHS.

According to experts quoted by the China Press, ten-ounce gold-bars after scrupulous examination have been found to contain only 96 per cent of precious metal. Meanwhile, the purity of one-ounce gold-bars was said to have been reduced to 93 per cent.

Investigating the adulteration of gold-bars the authorities encountered considerable difficulties because the bars obtained from circulation on the market. — Reuter.

Confiscations

Shanghai, Feb. 12. More than 2,000 ounces of gold, approximately US\$85,000 and HK\$200,000 were confiscated by the authorities during the period from July to December last year, official sources disclosed.

The Finance Ministry's records showed that exactly 2,171 ounces of gold were seized during the second half of 1947 mostly from persons found violating the emergency and economic regulations prohibiting transactions in gold and foreign currencies. — Reuter.

Naseby Hall Damaged By A Fire

Market Harborough, Feb. 12.

Naseby Hall, Leicestershire, in whose fields in 1645 the Roundheads and Royalists met in a decisive battle, was extensively damaged by fire today. The Hall was used by the King and Queen as a hunting lodge several years ago.

Ex-GI In British Court

Bridgeton, (England), Feb. 12.

Billy Burke Edwards, former GI charged with the murder of his own baby daughter Brenda, appeared briefly in court today but on a motion of the prosecution was again remanded to his cell, this time until next Monday.

Edwards had a brief courtroom consultation with his Indianapolis attorney James Dawson, who arrived in England by air yesterday to assist in the defence. The defendant appeared in court handcuffed. Dawson said: "I am here to do a mission to help Edwards all I can. At present I do not know whether I shall be permitted to represent him in an English court. This is being investigated. Money for his defence was raised by friends in Indianapolis and I had a long talk with Edwards' father and friends before I left."

Edwards is being represented by an English lawyer, Trevor Hill, and it is reported that a prominent West of England barrister, C. M. Lavington, also will join in the defence. — United Press.

CHINESE JOINT SS. BOARD

Shanghai, Feb. 12.

To encourage the export trade and develop overseas navigation enterprises four Chinese steamship companies, including the State-operated China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, have organized a joint board. The board is divided into five sections: firstly, Japan and the Philippines; secondly, Siam and Rangoon; thirdly, India; fourthly, the overseas section; fifthly, the Secretariat. It is empowered to sign contracts with Chinese and foreign shipping and commercial firms either for chartering ships or

REDS IN SUBURBS OF MUKDEN

Gurkhas For H.K.

Singapore, Feb. 12.

The first Gurkha troops for the Hong Kong garrison are sailing on board the Devonshire today.

They are an advance party of three British officers, two Gurkha officers and 43 other ranks. — Associated Press.

Uneasiness About The Royal Navy

London, Feb. 11.

A warning of "marked uneasiness" in the House of Commons and in Britain generally about the continued silence of the Government on the strength of the British fleet was given in the House of Commons today by Mr. J. P. L. Thomas, Conservative.

Mr. Thomas asked why the Government could not confirm or deny statements from all quarters of the world's press about the Royal Navy, but Mr. John Dugdale, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, reaffirmed recent Government statements refusing to publish details of naval strength on security grounds.

Another Conservative Member, Commander T. Galbraith, suggested that "every foreign power knows exactly the state of the British fleet."

Mr. Dugdale, declaring that he personally had no knowledge about this, emphasised that he did not regard a recent statement by the British Navy League (an unofficial body) as a leakage of military strength but only a guess.

The Navy League estimated the strength of the fleet at two aircraft carriers, 11 cruisers, four destroyers in the Home Fleet and three or four flotillas abroad, 10 frigates, two submarine flotillas and four sloops. — Reuter.

P.I. Black Market In Diesel Oil

Manila, Feb. 12.

Exaggerated reports of petroleum products shortages and war rumours among the people of provincial areas are creating a black market, particularly in kerosene and diesel oil.

Although the Philippines is understood to have been notified of an additional cut in diesel oil allocations from the United States, A. Parrish, official spokesman for the oil industry here and general manager of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, said additional supplies from Persia are expected to make up the differences.

Oil companies, meanwhile, holding dealer rations to a level equal to the amount they bought in previous sales. Owners of small diesel electric plants in Batangas and Pangasinan provinces complained to the Philippine Government that they were forced to pay 25 to 40 per cent above the official price.

In Iloilo, just recovering from last fortnight's disastrous earthquake, dealers were reported to be hoarding gasoline and telling the public that supplies were reduced because of heavy military requirement.

This explanation was refuted by oil companies, who state that unscrupulous merchants were merely trying to sell stocks surreptitiously at black market prices. — Associated Press.

SALONIKA GUN

Salonika, Feb. 11.

Fifty-eight members of the guerrilla band which shelled Salonika on Tuesday have been killed and 22 captured, an official announcement said today.

The gun that fired the shot has been captured, the report said. — Associated Press.

Shanghai, Feb. 12.

The Chinese New Year lull in the Battle of Manchuria was broken today when the Communists again swung into fullscale attacks against Mukden's southern defences. They penetrated into the suburbs but were hurled back after a savage fight which brought the thunder of artillery cannonades into the besieged city.

A United Press dispatch from Peiping today said fighting was continuing into the night. It added that the Reds broke through the outer defences in a first major attack on the Nationalist-held capital, which is at present standing practically alone among all the cities north of the border.

Although all the outer ramparts of the southern defences have fallen to the Reds, the Communists were driven back and retreated seven miles southward to Suchiatan, joining five other columns massing there.

Chinese press dispatches received in Shanghai said the Communists failed to co-ordinate their attacks from the north with those from the south and temporarily lost a chance of taking Mukden by storm. The dispatches said the government defenders enthusiastically withheld from following up on the Reds southward and remained inside the city's main defence perimeter to await another assault.

A Peiping dispatch said there was no government confirmation of the situation in Mukden and military quarters declined to comment on whether or not the Red activity foreshadowed the long-expected "showdown but tie."

The dispatch said the Communists attacked across the Hun River, which fringes Mukden suburbs, in a rehearsal for the final assault. It is believed that the Reds intend to capture Chin-chow and Hsinmin, the only important railway stations the Nationalists hold in the area, before they concentrate on Mukden.

Meanwhile, the Communists have continued "softening up" Anshan, the steel mill centre south-east of Mukden. They failed to prevent the arrival of 1,000 Nationalist reinforcements who fought their way from Liaoyang (the earlier loss of which tightened the noose around Anshan). — United Press.

An article in "The Times" today, while declaring that some

of the generals of the Chinese Communist armies have been trained in Russia, added that there was no evidence that Soviet military advisers were assisting the Communist armies in the field.

The article, by "The Times" Peking correspondent, also expressed the opinion that relations between the Chinese Communists and the Soviet Union were "shrouded in mystery."

"The Times" article said, "The strength of the Communist Party, which has enabled it to hold its own against numerically stronger and better equipped forces and even to acquire further territory is due to three main causes.

"Its leaders are fanatics and enthusiasts, thoroughly trained and subject to the most rigid party discipline.

"Their armies are well disciplined and ably led. Some of the generals have had a thorough military course of instruction in Russia and their conduct of operations, especially of guerrilla warfare has been outstanding.

Russia Neutral

"Relations of the Chinese Communists with Soviet Russia are shrouded in mystery. The Soviet Government would appear to have hitherto preserved strict neutrality. There is no evidence that Soviet military advisers are assisting the Communist armies in the field. No Soviet aircraft have made their appearances in the civil war.

"Mao Tse-tung (Chinese Communist leader) and his followers are themselves violently anti-American, owing to the moral and material support the National Government has received from the United States.

"This does not mean that they would continue to pursue a policy favourable to Russia should they ever gain power over the whole of China." — Reuter.

Turkish Fighters Shot Down

Sofia, Feb. 12.

The Bulgarian Telegraph Agency says that two Turkish fighter planes were shot down on Monday by Bulgarian coastal guards.

The report said one of the pilots was drowned in Black Sea, off the port of Sozopol. The other was said to have been injured and was captured. Anti-aircraft guns apparently were used. The agency said the guards warned the planes by flashing red lights that they were over Bulgarian territory but that the planes ignored the warnings and circled Sozopol several times before being downed. — Associated Press.

The Weather

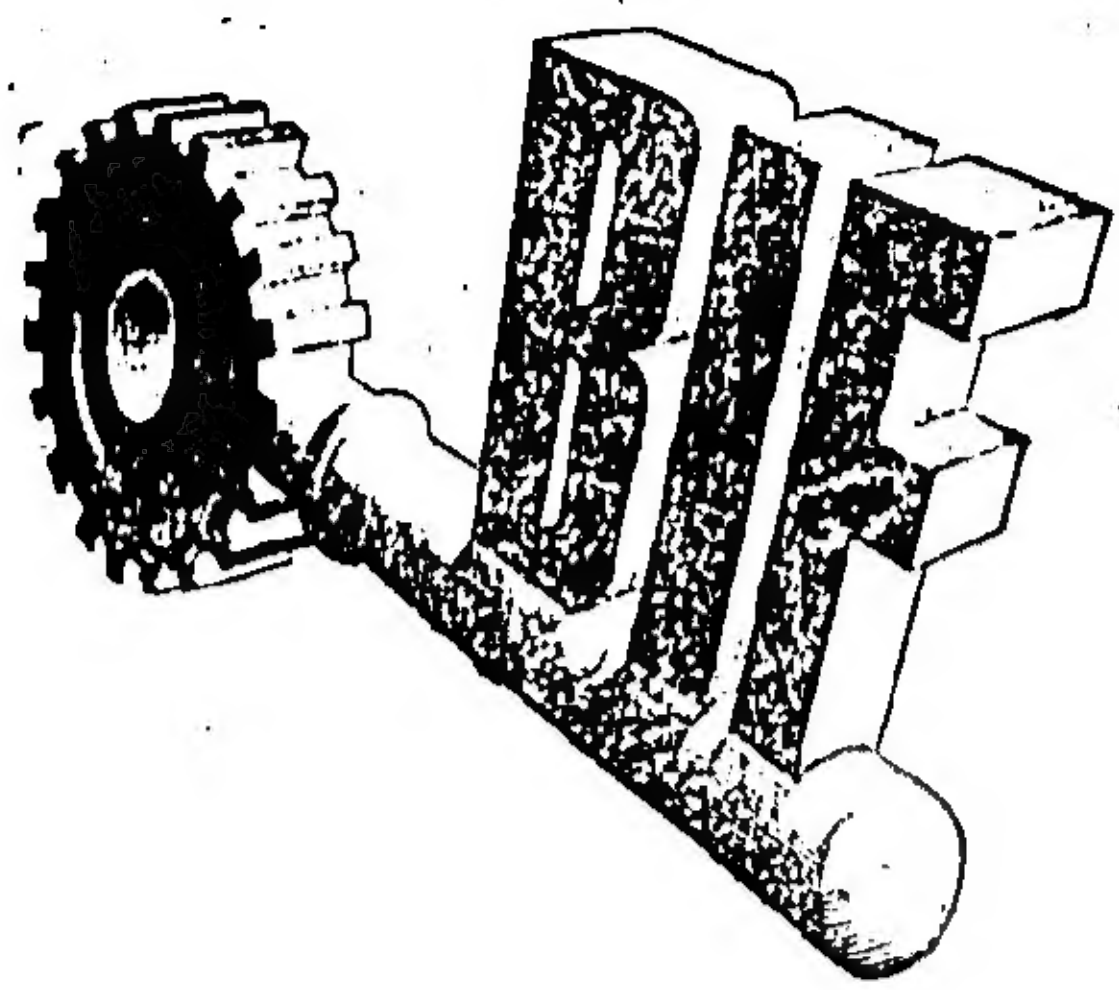
General situation: A trough of low pressure extends north-eastwards from Siam across Central China to Manchuria. A belt of high pressure extends from Europe to an anti-cyclone over Korea and southern Japan and thence north-eastwards to Sakhalin. The depression in the Pacific to the south-east of Tokyo continues to move north-eastwards. Forecast: Light or moderate south-east winds. Cloudy, mild. Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 64.0 deg. F. Minimum: 54.7 deg. F. Sunshine: 5.0 hours. Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1: 22.6 mm. = 0.9 in. as against an average of 50.5 mm. = 2.0 in. for this time of year. Baro. at msl.: 1020.3 1011.1 m.h. Equal: 75.0 70.9 m.h. Rel. Humidity: 78 80% Dew Point: 53 55 deg. F. Wind Direction: E E Wind Force: 15 20 knots.

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McGOWAN AMBULANCE DRIVER GETS 6 MONTH IN GAOL

Magistrate Refuses To Give Option

The driver's desire to get his job done as quickly as possible and get home early for the Chinese New Year was advanced by Traffic Sub-Inspector R. Bell as the indirect cause of the death of Mr. John Ferguson McGowan on Feb. 9, when he charged into Toong, driver of Kowloon Hospital Ambulance 8654, with dangerous driving, before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Sentencing defendant to six months' hard labour without the option of a fine, the Magistrate said, in reply to accused's application for an option, "I am not giving you the option as it appears to be no deterrent at all. Accidents just go on and on."

The direct cause of Mr. McGowan's death was, in TSI Bell's opinion, fracture of the right rib and a shunt which pierced the deceased's lung.

Detailing the accident near the 11-milestone at Castle Peak Road, near Tsun Wan, about 11 a.m. on Monday, TSI Bell said defendant with Mr. McGowan sitting next to him and two members of the Emergency Unit, drove into the Kowloon Hospital about 10.30 a.m. for the New Territories.

Object of the journey was to pay the personnel of the Medical posts their half-month's pay for the Chinese New Year.

As the ambulance was approaching the slight bend before the 11-milestone, so the driver told the Police, another lorry approached from the opposite direction and travelling in the middle of the road.

Statement

Defendant, in his own statement, pulled his vehicle hard to the left, off the edge of the road, and travelled 53 feet before reaching the rock.

The ambulance continued, for 8 feet 6 inches along the side of the rock when its rear end and rear wheels struck the rock. A projecting piece of the rock ripped away the door of the cab and the rear side of the vehicle. (The rock was about 90 feet wide and taking the 12-foot car park on the Tsun Wan side into consideration, defendant had a full 102 feet to negotiate his vehicle after the accident.)

On striking the boulder accused must have swerved to the middle of the road, seeing the rocky cliff on the other side, swung his ambulance back to the left.

He must have then "let the lorry take control," or, in other words, lost his head completely. The ambulance went down the side of the road and, according to a later inspection, first struck a gully about 50 feet below and then swung off to the left, with its front facing the road.

Blood

Mr. McGowan was thrown off the vehicle on to some shrubs which "stayed in all his ribs on the right side." There was a mess of blood among the bushes. One of the shrubs pierced the deceased's lung.

One of the E.U. men managed to climb up to the road and told a passing Serviceman about the accident. The Tsun Wan Police was informed and an ambulance sent and conveyed the two injured E.U. personnel and Mr. McGowan to the Kowloon Hospital.

TSI Bell said that defendant claimed that he was going at 20 m.p.h. If that was so he would have had ample opportunity to stop after striking the rock.

"I contend," said the prosecuting officer, "that defendant was in a hurry to get the payment job done and get home for the Chinese New Year festivities."

When the vehicle was examined after the accident, the brakes were found to be still in good condition.

Not True

The defendant further claimed that, as it was raining he had to drive with one hand and wipe the windscreen with the other. This was not true as the vehicle had a suction windscreen wiper.

As to defendant's claim that he had to pull off the edge of the road to avoid an oncoming lorry, TSI said, "I very, very much doubt if there was any other vehicle on the road at all. The road there was 22 feet 5 inches wide and, even if there was another vehicle, there would have been ample room for both cars. The Regulation width is 7 feet 8 inches, which leaves 5 feet 3 inches to spare."

Asking for a serious view to be taken, TSI Bell said, "Defendant drives for the Medical Authorities. It is his job to drive an ambulance to accident, and he should be an example to other drivers."

Hit Him With Bowl Of Goldfish

For striking her husband with a glass bowl containing goldfish on Wednesday, Tang was fined \$25 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Tang Wah was charged with assaulting her husband G. Ladd, near Ramsey Street at about 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Inspector Moran said that there appeared to have been a quarrel between the parties. Accused was the concubine of complainant. As he was returning from work accused met him in Ramsey Street and is alleged to have hit him on the head with a glass bowl containing goldfish. A crowd gathered and a constable, unable to get satisfaction, took both parties to the Police station. The man was sent to hospital and a small piece of glass found in his face. He was not detained.

Accused claimed that she had been struck first. Inspector Moran said that accused had been to the S.C.A. some time ago on the question of support.

In binding both parties over in a bond of \$250 Mr. d'Almada said that whatever may have been the cause, the use of the glass bowl was serious.

Celebrating The New Year

A 22-year-old sanitary cooler, Kwok Mun, boarded Bus 4206 of Route 2 on New Year's day morning and refused to pay fare or get off when ordered.

As the driver turned the bus to go to the Police Station he jumped off and fell to the ground.

The conductor went to his aid but was knocked down. Another conductor was also assaulted. Kwok was brought before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged with evading payment of bus fare, alighting from a moving bus and common assault.

Convicted on all counts, Kwok was fined a total of \$100.

Readers' Letters

Peak Tram

Sir,—I wish to draw attention to the fantastic conditions which prevail at the Peak Tram Terminus in Garden Road at certain hours. It is appreciated that Tuesday was a holiday for the Chinese and large numbers of them wished to travel on the Peak Tramway but the fighting for a seat needed to be seen to be adequately believed. Surely some form of 'queuing' could be instituted at the entrance and a stop put to the pushing and shoving which goes on—indeed a survival of the strongest.

The European officials made no effort to regulate the crowd during the afternoon rush although representations were made to them. The anticipated walk around the Peak Top was completely spoilt for the undersigned by the exhaustion caused at the commencement by the fight for a seat.

TWO ENGLISH BUSINESS WOMEN.

I was agreeably surprised at lunch-time the next day to find a semblance of a 'queue' at the Peak Terminus!!!

Involuntary Contribution To The Poor Box

Eight gambling joints in Kowloon involuntarily contributed \$485 to the Poor Box on Wednesday when "table money" seized by the Police in raids during the Chinese New Year holidays, was ordered by Mr. W. H. Latimer to be confiscated.

The largest contributions were made by Chan Chuen, keeper of a den on the ground floor of an unnumbered house at Temple Street, and Li Yee and Leung Shek of 115 Temple Street; ground floor, who were arrested by Det. Sub-Inspector C. Pope and his men on Monday.

Chan forfeited his bail of \$750, while 12 of his patrons lost their bond of \$25 each. Another 21 of his gamblers were fined \$20 each. "Table money" seized amounted to \$255.50.

In the "house" jointly run by Li and Leung, the Police found 18 gamblers, and seized \$187.22 "table money." The keepers were fined \$350 each, and the seven gamblers who appeared in Court \$20. The other 12 had their bail of \$25 each forfeited.

ADVICE TO MAGISTRATES

Appeal Allowed By Full Court

"The Court thinks it proper to add that in the preparation of a case Magistrates should follow, in every case where it is possible, the form prescribed by the Magistrates Ordinance 1932, particularly where it provides for enumeration of the facts proved, admitted or introduced by consent."

These remarks were made yesterday when judgment was delivered by the Full Court comprising Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Pulane Judge) and Mr. Justice J. Reynolds (Acting Additional Judge), on an appeal by way of case stated from the decision of Mr. J. G. Conklin, Police Magistrate, dismissing a summons under the Merchandise Marks Ordinance 1890.

Man Keng Wong, Agent for Messrs. Monsanto Co., of Kowloon Building (appellant), was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada C. Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn of Messrs. Brutton & Co.

Chuen Cheong Hong of 11 Connaught Road West, (respondent), were represented by Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. M. A. de Silva.

Mr. d'Almada asked that the Court amend the summons to read that the "Defendant had in his possession for sale" the goods in question. He said that the word "Monsanto" was a false trade description within the meaning of the Ordinance.

Mr. d'Almada was about to refer to the Magistrate's notes on the case, but was prevented from doing so by Mr. Justice Gould, who said that the appeal was by way of a case stated, the Court was not entitled to look at the notes.

It was then suggested by Mr. d'Almada that if the Court was unable to refer to the notes, he would request that the case be sent back to the Magistrate for amendment.

"Unsatisfactory" Mr. Wright, stating that he had no objection to reference being made to the notes, said that he wished to point out that the case stated was, in his view, unsatisfactory as the Magistrate had not pointed out what was evidence and what he found proved to his satisfaction as fact.

Mr. d'Almada said that in the present case, no evidence was available to show that the respondents had taken all the precautions necessary in connection with the goods purchased by him from the S.T. & I.

Mr. Wright submitted that the onus was on the respondents, to prove the absence of mens rea. After quoting a number of authorities Mr. Wright said that the respondents had taken all reasonable precautions, as the goods had been purchased from a reputable source, namely, the S.T. & I.

Mr. d'Almada submitted that it was not sufficient to assert that the goods had been purchased from a reputable source. It was necessary for the purchaser to take every reasonable precaution to prove that he had no reason to suspect the genuineness of the article purchased.

In the course of his judgment, with which Mr. Justice Reynolds concurred, Mr. Justice Gould said in part:

"On the argument as addressed to this Court, the only question in issue was whether the respondents had proved, at the hearing, that they had taken all reasonable precautions against committing the offence. Whether or not it is established that such precautions have been taken is a question of fact to be decided in the circumstances of each particular case, but the burden of proof thereof is placed upon the defendant by the last mentioned subsection.

"The case stated contains no finding of fact that such reasonable precautions on the part of the respondents had been proved but the following paragraph appears in the reasons given for the Magistrate's decision: (a) the respondent at the time of committing the offence had no reason to suspect the genuineness of the trade description. The appellant should be entitled to expect that the S.T. & I. would only deal in genuine goods."

"The second of these two sentences presumably refers to the first and appears to give the Magistrate's reason for stating that the respondent had no reason to suspect the genuineness of the trade description. This is entirely different from finding that the respondent had taken all reasonable precautions against committing the offence. The absence of any finding as to the latter in the case stated shows that the respondents could not discharge

in full the burden of proof cast upon them by the relevant subsection.

"It follows that in the normal course the appeal would necessarily be allowed. The case stated is however defective in that it contains no findings of fact as such, but a series of statements of evidence given before the Magistrate with the Court was asked to try as findings of fact.

In the circumstances the Court, exercising its power under section 112 of the Magistrates Ordinance 1932, looked at the notes of evidence to ascertain whether it might not be necessary, in the interests of justice, to send the case stated back to the Magistrate for amendment.

"A perusal of the notes however, discloses no material error, the Magistrate would be justified in amending the case stated in any way which could affect the outcome.

"The appeal is therefore allowed and the case remitted to the Magistrate to enter a conviction and impose such penalty as he may think fit. The conviction will relate only to the four full tins of saccharin to which the appeal was confined.

"The Court thinks it proper to add that in the preparation of a case stated Magistrates should follow, in every case where it is possible, the form prescribed by the Magistrates Ordinance 1932, particularly where it provides for enumeration of the facts proved, admitted or introduced by consent.

"Where the parties are legally represented, the Magistrate would be wise in most cases to adopt a practice followed by other parts of the Empire to accept the assistance of solicitors for the parties in the preparation of the case.

"This practice eliminates any necessary applications for amendment and tends to ensure that the case provides a satisfactory basis for argument."

After judgment, Mr. d'Almada asked for costs against respondents. Mr. Justice Gould directed that the costs be taxed.

Report On Accidents

Eight fatal accidents, 2 serious, 151 slight and 403 with damage only, are reported in an official announcement covering the past three months. The accidents occurred at 11 different "black-spots" on the Island.

The fatal accidents occurred in Queen's Road East (4), Johnston Road (1), Queen's Road between Des Voeux Junction and the Dockyard (1), Des Voeux between Pottinger Street and the Fire Station (1), and Queen's Road between Des Voeux Road and Western Street (1).

Reminders

Today
Women's World Day of Prayer
St. John's Cathedral 3 p.m.
Annual General Meeting, St. Andrew's Church, Church Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon
Talk by Capt. Luff on "The Steps to Democracy," Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Continuance of the Hong Kong Book for Soul of Gandhi and distribution of free meals, Sikh Temple, 12 noon

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Police Annual Dance, Central Police Gymnasium, 8 p.m.

1 p.m.
H.K. Football Association Dinner in honour of Shanghai International Football Team, Royal Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.
Chinese New Year Party, Chinese YMCA, Duddell Street

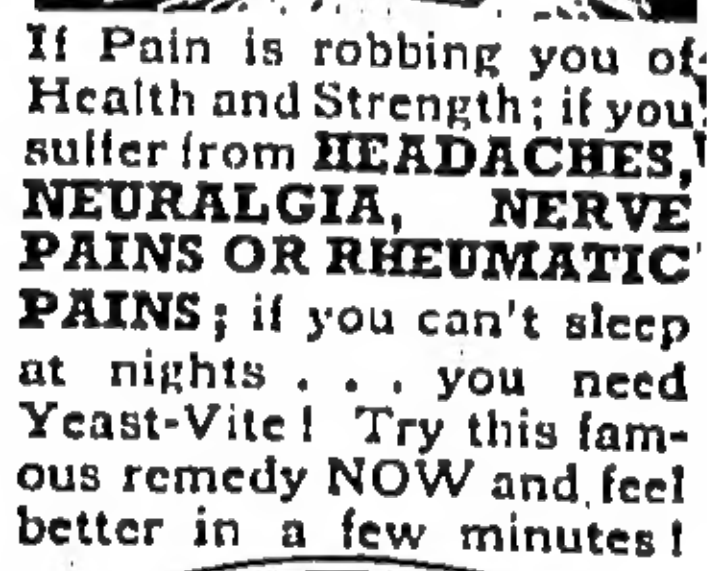
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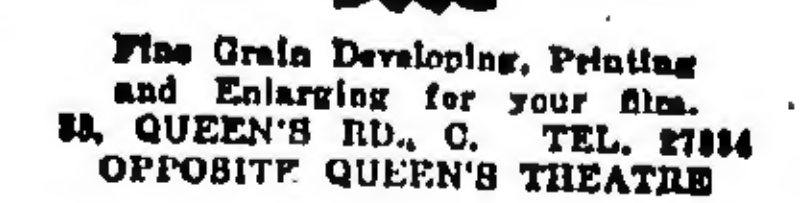
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sented by Lynn Fraser
8.10 p.m.—B.B.C.; Trans-
fer: "The Massacre of
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chestra with Vocal
9.00 p.m.—London: Belairs
9.10 p.m.—Weather: Report
9.11 p.m.—B.B.C.; Trans-
fer: "The Drake Trust"
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to the Stamp Ordinance, No 8
of 1921. The stamps may be
purchased at any Post Office.

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ceipt is responsible for affixing
the stamp and failure to do this
constitutes an offence for which
severe penalties, including heavy
fines and imprisonment, may
be imposed.

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H. R. HIRST,
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The Treasury,
Hong Kong,
8th January, 1948.

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Mr. W. L. E. Miller, A.M.I.E.E.

will be read on

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF JOHN
ALEXANDER CALLAN-
DER POLSON otherwise
known as JOHN CAL-
LANDER POLSON late of
No. 9 Stanley Terrace,
Quarry Bay, Shaukwan in
the Colony of Hongkong.
Foreman-Joiner deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Court has by
virtue of Section 58 of the Pro-
bate Ordinance 1897, made an
Order limiting the time for
creditors and others to send in
their claims against the above
estate to the 27th day of Febru-
ary, 1948.

All creditors and others are
accordingly required to send
their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 3rd day of Febru-
ary, 1948.

A. J. ARCULLI,
Solicitor for the Executor
of the said deceased,
Kavamally Building, 2nd floor,
Hongkong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF FRANCISCO PAULO
SEQUEIRA alias FRAN-
CISCO DE PAULA
SEQUEIRA late of No. 25,
Cameron Road, in the De-
pendency of Kowloon, in
the Colony of Hong Kong,
Clerk, deceased.

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GIVEN that the Court has by
virtue of Section 58 of the Pro-
bate Ordinance, 1897, made an
Order limiting the time for
creditors and others to send in
their claims against the above
estate to the 29th day of Febru-
ary, 1948.

All creditors and others are
accordingly required to send
their claims to the undersigned
on or before that date.

Dated the 13th of February,
1948.

F. ZIMMERN & CO.,
Solicitors for the Administrator,
Holland House,
Queen's Road, Central
Hong Kong.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF David
McFerran late of Pokfulam,
Victoria in the Colony of
Hong Kong, formerly of 36
Garturk Street, Queen's
Park, Glasgow, Scotland,
Engineer to the Dairy
Farm, Ice & Cold Storage
Company, Limited of Hong
Kong, deceased.

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virtue of Section 58 of the Pro-
bate Ordinance, 1897, made an
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creditors and others to send in
their claims against the above
estate to the 1st day of March,
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"COOLIE SYSTEM" TO GO S.C.A.P. Warning To Japanese People Workers Virtual Prisoners

Tokyo, Feb. 11.
Mr. Starling Follett, an official of the Labour
Division of the Supreme Allied Headquarters
here, told a Japanese press conference today
that Japan must end her "coolie system" by
March 1.
He said Japanese "labour suppliers" held hundreds
of thousands of workers virtually as mental,
sometimes as physical, prisoners in filthy in-
sanitary conditions, unfit for human beings.

There was evidence that the
"labour suppliers", both by the
control they exercised over the
workers and by the profits they

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of the Share-
holders of the Corporation will
be held at the Head Office of the
Corporation, 1 Queen's Road
Central, Hongkong, on Friday
the 5th day of March, 1948, at
11.30 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving and considering the
reports of the Directors and of
the Auditors and the Profit and
Loss Account and Balance
Sheet for the year ended 31st
December, 1947, and for the
election of Directors and the ap-
pointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the
Corporation will be closed from
Friday, the 20th February to
Friday the 5th March, 1948
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.

A. MORSE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1948.

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NOTICE is hereby given
that the Ordinary Yearly Meet-
ing of Shareholders will be
held at the Hong Kong Hotel,
Hong Kong, on Friday, 27th
February, 1948, at 12.00 NOON,
for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors, to-
gether with a Statement of Ac-
counts for the Year ended
31st December, 1947, and for
the election of Directors and
the appointment of Auditors.

And NOTICE is further
hereby given that the Register
and Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 14th to the 27th February,
1948, both days inclusive, dur-
ing which period no Transfer
of Shares can be registered.

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1948.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF
MOOSABHOY S.O.
MAREHOY MAWJI alias
MOOSABHOY SUMAR
MAWJI alias MOOSA
SOOMAR MAWJI alias
MUSABHAI S.O. MAR
MAWJI late of Bombay
Khoja Muslim Inhabitant,
deceased.

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virtue of Section 58 of the Pro-
bate Ordinance, 1897, made an
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their claims against the above
estate to the 3rd day of March,
1948.

All creditors and others are
accordingly required to send
their claims to the under-
signed on or before that date.

Dated the 2nd day of Febru-
ary, 1948.

DEACONS,
Solicitors for the
Administrators,
Prince's Building,
Hongkong.

NO EASTERN GERMANY

Berlin, Feb. 11.
The Soviet occupation
chief, Marshal Vasily
Sokolovsky, had told leaders
of the Soviet Zone Liberal
Democratic Party that the
Soviet authorities were not
planning to set up an "East-
ern German States," the
German DFD news agency
reported today.

No British Intervention

Rangoon, Feb. 11.
Reginald J. Bowker, British
Ambassador to Burma, today
assured the Burmese Premier,
Thakin Nu, that rumours of
British support for "certain
communities" in Burma in
their attempt to revise their
position under the Constitution
were completely false.

He said, "I take this op-
portunity of assuring you most
categorically that there can be
no question of His Majesty's
Government's intervening in
matters of this nature which
are the sole concern of the Gov-
ernment of Burma and its peo-
ple."

The identity of the commu-
nities concerned was not men-
tioned but observers here linked
the statement with the campaign by
the Karens—the largest racial
minority in Burma—for a
separate Karen state.—Reuter.

Horsemen Swoop Into Siam

BANGKOK, FEB. 12.
TWO HUNDRED HORSE-
MEN OF A SMUGGLING
GANG FROM YUNNAN,
SOUTH CHINA, SWEEP
ACROSS THE SIAMESE BOR-
DER INTO MAESI IN A RAID
TO RECOVER OPIUM
VALUED AT £50,000, WHICH
THE SIAMESE POLICE
WERE ABOUT TO SEIZE.
The smugglers had delivered
"a Siamese storehouse 1,260
kilograms (about 2,780 pounds
weight) of opium valued at
£50,000, for which Siamese
buyers had not paid.
When the smugglers heard
that the opium was to be con-
fiscated, they mounted their
horses, drove the police from
the storehouse, engaged them in
a running gun battle, and clear-
ed the opium stack on to horses.
The party escaped, leaving
one horseman killed. They took
only the opium originally de-
livered and did not touch the
remaining stock.—Reuter.

Brutal Murder Of L.B. Wood

(Continued from Page 1)

"I then made my way down
the hill towards Kal Tak, not
daring to use the main road for
fear of meeting my attackers
once more. I eventually met a
car which took me to the Kow-
loon City Police Station where
I made a report.

"Together with the police, I
again went back to the scene
of the attack and showed the
police the body of Mr. Wood.

"Mr. Wood was involved in
the recent Shamen Incident in
which his office and residence
were completely destroyed. He
came to Hong Kong to spend the
Chinese New Year holidays here
and to buy some new clothing."

In Canton

Born in Switzerland and
educated in St. Paul's College in
the City of London, 44-year-old
Mr. Lytton Hevia Wood joined
the firm of Deacon and Com-
pany, Limited, in 1925. He was
in charge of the Canton Office
of the Company.

During the Far East hostilities
he was in Canton and was
repatriated by the Japanese to
England in 1942.

He served with the United
Kingdom Commercial Corpora-
tion in Algiers during the war.

At the time of his death, he
was Director of the Canton office
of Deacon and Company, Limited,
acting Danish Consul and
Vice-Consul for Norway.

He is survived by his father
and mother and two married
sisters, all of whom are in En-
gland. He was unmarried.

The funeral service will take
place at St. John's cathedral at
4.30 p.m. today.

KMT Rebel To Be Tried

Canton, Feb. 12.
Huang Ching-yi, a member of
the "Kuomintang Revolutionary
Committee" recently formed in
Hong Kong, will be brought here
soon for examination, according
to the Canton Daily Sun.

Huang was captured in Pad
Ah Hsien near Hong Kong
through a trap by an ex-bandit
chief. He was sent to Bucca
Tigris forts for detention.—Asso-
ciated Press.

China Aid To Be All-Economic

Washington, Feb. 11.
Secretary of State George Marshall told a news
conference that the Administration's new
US\$570,000,000 aid programme for China prob-
ably would be announced in a few days and
would be devoted to economic purposes.

Marshall added, however,
that the programme would per-
mit the Chinese Government to do
things within its own au-
thority. He did not explain
further.

The proposed expenditure,
Marshall said, still must be ap-
proved by the Budget Bureau
before going to President Tru-
man for Presidential endorse-
ment.

Marshall's description of the
programme as economic was in
response to a question as to
whether it made provision for
military aid to help the Nan-
king Government cope with its
Chinese Communist foes.

The Nanking Government has
authority under a State Depart-
ment ruling last year to buy
military supplies in the United
States from private manufac-
turers.

Marshall confirmed that the
plan was to ask Congress for
US\$570,000,000 for 15 months.
—Associated Press.

Position of Chinese Govt. To Be Argued

At the formal remand hearing
yesterday of the case of Hsu
Chi-chung, wanted by the
Chinese Government on extradi-
tion, Mr. M. A. da Silva again
told the Magistrate, Mr. F. X.
d'Almeida that he would request
specific charges against his
client. He was not pressing
this but would like to have them
as soon as possible.

Mr. d'Almeida told Mr. Sin,
appearing for the Chinese Gov-
ernment, that he would listen to
no other submission until the
question of "locus standi" was
settled.

The case was adjourned till
Feb. 18 when the question of
bail and the position of the
Chinese Government will be
argued.

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MALAYA DEPORTATION LAW

No Intention Of Repealing Measure

Guarding Against Injustice

London, Feb. 11.

It would not be in the interests of law and order in Malaya for the power given by the banishment laws for the deportation of undesirable aliens to be withdrawn, the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. David Rees-Williams stated today.

Mr. Denis Pritt, Independent Labour, had asked in the House of Commons in what territories of the Malayan Union or Singapore the banishment enactment formerly in force in the Federated and Unfederated Malay States and the banishment ordinance formerly in force in Penang, Malacca and Singapore, were now in force.

Illogical Attitude On H.K.

London, Feb. 10.

Hong Kong was described as "a little oasis of prosperity and stability in a largely chaotic continent" in an article in today's Daily Telegraph by Malcolm Muggeridge, author and journalist, who has just returned from a visit to the Far East.

Mr. Muggeridge declared that with regard to China and the Chinese Government, he expected to see a great deal of Manchuria, and perhaps to find their influence in the Yunnan River, before this year is out, and added that, in his opinion, there has been a "heavy" Chinese immigration into Hong Kong.

Referring to the attitude of certain Chinese quarters to the British administration in Hong Kong, Mr. Muggeridge went on to say: "It is a curious allegation, the one Chinese who are hostile to the British administration in Hong Kong being under British administration, are especially inclined to deprive Chinese of the right to live under that administration is a non-trivial wrong."

"The Chinese press is bitterly hostile to the continuance of British administration in Hong Kong, and in that it undoubtedly reflects the sentiments of the Nanking Government."

"Within the colony agitation is being vigorously conducted in the name of 'China'."

Moreover, Feb. 12

Sergei Eisenstein, famous Soviet movie director, was reported to have died here yesterday.

—Associated Press.

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YES—BUT IT WAS A MISTAKE!—THERE'S A MAN UNDER MY BED!!

SOME GIRLS HAVE ALL THE LUCK!

IT'S NO LAUGHING MATTER, MISS JANE—I CAN'T AFFORD TO BE COMPROMISED AT THIS MOMENT!

GO BACK AND HAIL HIM OUT—I'LL WATCH THROUGH YOUR WINDOW!—BUT IT MAY ONLY BE A JOKE...

He also wanted to know whether the Minister would now accept their repeal or amendment and, in particular, whether he would permit that persons threatened with banishment should have not only the grounds alleged for their banishment and the right of appeal.

Mr. Rees-Williams replied: "The laws mentioned remained in force in the Federation of Malaya and in Singapore."

"It would not be in the interests of law and order that the powers given by these laws for the deportation of undesirable aliens should be withdrawn."

Safeguards

"I am satisfied that there is every possible safeguard against injustice. In most cases, the deportation follows a conviction in a court for serious crimes. In other cases, provision is made for appeal."

"Deportation is only ordered by the High Commissioner or the Governor in Council after a careful inquiry, held by an experienced officer, and the person under investigation is given the opportunity to combat the evidence adduced against him and to call witnesses."

"Persons whose deportation is being considered are given notice of the grounds alleged."

Banishers

Mr. Pritt also asked how many of the 11 persons whose names he had given the Minister had been banished from Singapore or the Malayan Union in the last two years; how many were members of trade unions; how many were members of the Malayan People's anti-Japanese Army; how many had been acquitted on criminal charges shortly before banishment; and how many would, if not banished, qualify for citizenship of the Malayan Union under the incoming constitution plan.

Mr. Rees-Williams replied that he was in communication with the High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya and the Governor of Singapore and would write to Mr. Pritt when he received their replies.

Berlin, Feb. 12
Princess Hildegarde, daughter of the King of Bavaria, Ludwig III, has died at Wildenbach, in Bavaria.

She would have been 67 years old next month.—Associated Press

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ATTLEE PLEA IGNORED

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Feb. 11.

Three million shipbuilding and engineering workers today asked for average weekly wage increases of 14 in a claim put forward here by the workers' representatives after they had considered the Government's plea for a stabilisation of wages.

Today's action by the delegates, representing 37 key unions joined together in the powerful Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, follows similar decisions by the Civil Servants Union and other unions to continue to press their wage claims despite the Government's warnings.—Reuter.

BURMA ARRESTS FOREIGNERS

Rangoon, Feb. 11.

The semi-official "New Times of Burma" today reported the arrest at Myawaddy on the Burma-Siam border of two foreigners who entered Burma from Siam without passports.

The men, giving the names of Edward Hakey of Larkok, Poland, and Emilhold Turkat of Larkok, Germany, are being held for possible deportation.

Associated Press.

H.K. Plane Crash Due To Error

London, Feb. 10.

Britain's chief inspector of accidents today said it was his opinion that the crash of a Hong Kong - England flying boat in the Persian Gulf last August with the loss of 10 lives was due to "errors of judgment by the captain when attempting to alight."

"The captain did not employ the recommended flying technique for approach and landing," his report stated.

Seven of the 18 passengers and three of the crew of eight lost their lives when the plane, a four-engined British Overseas Airways Corporation Plymouth flying boat, crashed.

Four of the victims came from Rangoon, one from Bangkok and one from Rangoon.

One of the crew lost was from Durban, South Africa, and another from New Zealand. The other victims were English.—Reuter.

Prosecution Asks Tojo Punishment

Tokyo, Feb. 11.

An invitation to world anarchy would be implied if the Japanese war leaders, now before the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, went unpunished, Mr. Joseph Keenan, the chief prosecutor, said in court today.

He was making his final address to the court trying the principal Japanese war leaders, including General Hideki Tojo, the wartime Prime Minister.

He declared that the court, which has been trying them for the last 21 months, had shown great patience in permitting vituperative and insolent comment.

The facts of the case clearly showed the utter futility of attempting to change the militaristic mind by the calm processes of reason, he said.

The militaristic mind, bent on aggression, could best be repressed by the united action of the international community by the imposition of the sternest measures known to law.

The trial was always intended to be more than a mere trial of individuals; it was expected to be an example to the whole world.

The record had clearly proven that Japan had needed to defend herself, not against force from without, but from evil, malignant and ruthless elements in the heart of Tokyo.—Reuter.

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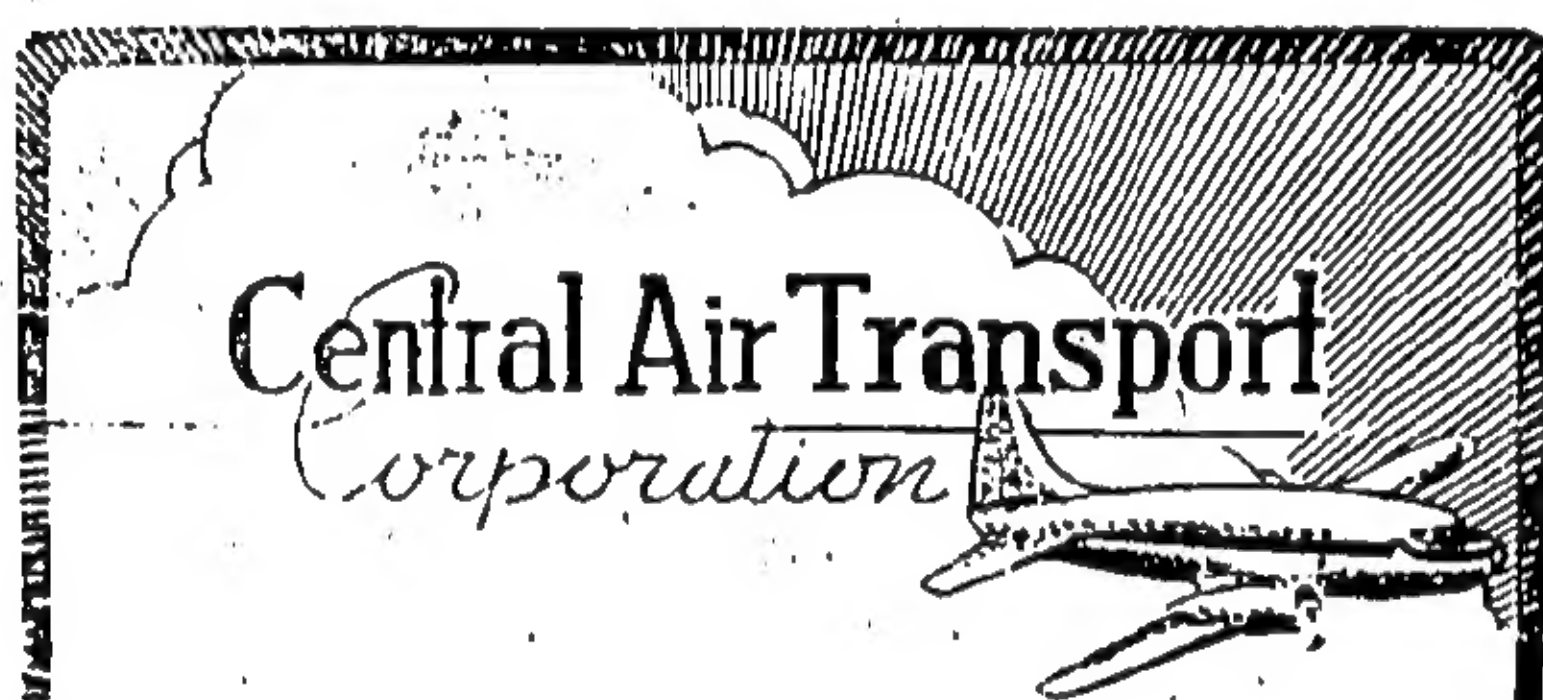


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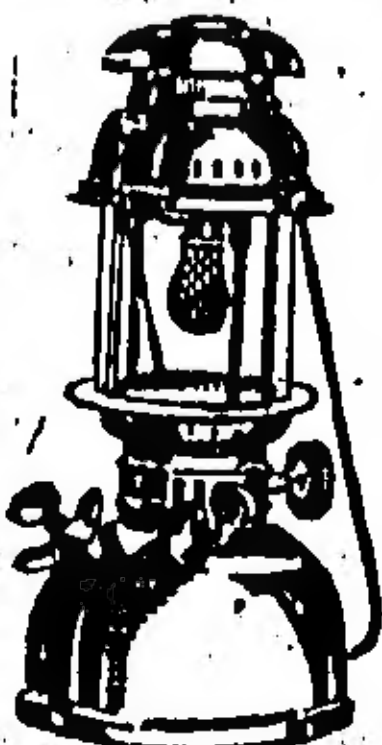
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OBITUARY

WOOD. On the 11th February 1948 killed in armed robbery on Kowloon Hills. Lytton Bevis Wood, of Hampton, Md., England, aged 44, Director, Dymally & Co., Ltd., Canton & Hong Kong.

The Funeral Service will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Friday, the 13th February at 4.30 p.m. The service will be conducted by the Bishop of Hong Kong, the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall assisted by the Dean. Flowers to the Colonial Cemetery.

HIKING TRAGEDY

The murder by gangsters of Mr. L. B. Wood while hiking in the Kowloon range on Wednesday demands an all-out effort by the police to run the perpetrators to earth.

Apart from the fact that this was a heinous crime which cries out for retribution, we shall have reached a pretty serious state if the hills of Kowloon and the New Territories are to be denied to the scores of people who gain pleasure from exploring these rewarding areas, and gain wholesome exercise during the winter months, for fear of running into armed marauders.

Most persons, sitting in the comfort of an armchair, will question the wisdom of offering resistance should a challenge of the kind which confronted Mr. Wood and Mr. Ross develop, but that misses the main point. It is, perhaps, too much to expect the police to have patrols out in the wide expanse of the New Territories for the protection of hikers, but a tragic affair of this kind should compel a special effort not merely to capture the ruffians responsible, but to enable the considerable numbers of hikers to proceed abroad with confidence.

The particular area in which Wednesday's attack occurred is a favourite walk for those who are content with a two to two and a half hour excursion on a Sunday afternoon. If this and other popular walks are no longer to be considered safe against molestation, it will, for the community, be a serious loss.

The New Malaya

The new federal constitution of Malaya applies two important principles to the task of encouraging racial groups to work together. The first is the establishment of a strong central Government, with control over matters essential for the general progress of Malaya; the second is the introduction of a common citizenship open to all who regard Malaya as the object of their loyalty.

The acceptance of both principles by the bulk of the Malay community has represented a considerable sacrifice by them on behalf of the well-being of the country, and could not have taken place without the conciliatory and constructive statesmanship of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald. His efforts have been assisted by the British decision to treat Malaya itself, where the Malays have an absolute majority, as one unit, and Singapore, with its huge Chinese population, as another. This decision has been much criticized especially by the Chinese of Singapore. It is unpopular in certain British commercial circles. But it has unquestionably assisted in overcoming the initial distrust of the Malays for the centralization essential to relieve Malaya from the hotch-pot of different authorities which threatened to make progress impossible. When the new constitutions of Malaya and Singapore are fairly launched, there is nothing to prevent the respective legislatures, and local authorities from recommending the inclusion of Singapore in the Federation of Malaya.

The British Government's original proposals for a federal union have been substantially revised as the result of protracted consultation on the spot with the leaders of all communities. The size of the federal legislature has been increased and the non-official majority within it has been more than doubled. Chinese representation is raised, though it still falls far short of what the Chinese community demands, and of the sixty-one unofficial members thirty-one will be Malays. At first the members of the legislature will be nominated by the High Commissioner, but this is only a temporary provision, and representation by election will be introduced as soon as possible. In Singapore, on the other hand, where the same difficulties do not exist, the non-official majority on the new Legislative Council is mainly elected, and the Governor's power of nomination is designed only to ensure that no important community or interest remains unrepresented.

ROAD TO ADVANCE IN CHINA

By Marshal Li Tsung-Jen

Politically three steps have to be taken for the betterment of the Chinese government. They are to increase its efficiency, eliminate its corruption and broaden its foundation.

To achieve the first end the foremost thing to do is to simplify the administrative structure, for only then will less red tape be gone through and action expedited. The co-ordination and co-operation among various government branches must be encouraged. Once intellectual and material resources are pulled together for use by all with one single aim in view, no fear of friction and frustration need be entertained.

When a clear-cut demarcation of duties and powers is made, each branch of the government will know what is expected of it, and then wasteful duplication and the shirking of responsibilities will be eradicated.

Favouritism

Still no efficiency of a government can be fully attained, if corruption is allowed to exist; and the most effective way of eliminating this is to do away with personal favouritism. Severe punishment, if meted out to the offenders, will also help remove the common public curse.

But the positive way of dealing

with this is to cultivate honesty and loyal service by raising the pay of government functionaries at least to such a level as to sustain the living of themselves and their dependents, for a person is conscious of honor or disgrace only when he is well fed and warmly clad.

An efficient and honest government is as urgently required by this country as a government whose foundation is broadened. Irrespective of their party affiliations a greater number of qualified and talented men or women of good character must be admitted into the government service.

Meanwhile the people must be educated politically so that they may be able to exercise wisely the rights vested upon them by the new Constitution. Emphasis should also be laid on guaranteeing to the people their freedom of speech, press, association and academic research.

Besides political improvement China's economic problems call for early solution. During the war years and those immediately following, China has been suffering acutely from a vicious inflation and heavy deficit.

Efforts should, therefore, be concentrated upon the stabilization of currency and the balance of the budget. Negatively an end must be put to the unnecessary expenditures of the government, and on the part of the people frugality and thrift must be practised.

Positive Action

Such negative measures must be supplemented by positive action. Effective plans have to be devised to augment revenue by increasing both industrial and agricultural production.

If it is difficult to adopt actions in the former direction because it involves greater financial and technical resources unavailable in the present circumstances, there is less reason why agricultural production should not be immediately increased.

When China's own financial and economical situation improves and when she proves worthy of foreign help, it can be expected that such aid will be forthcoming. As it is, China welcomes American help; but she must go ahead with her own salvation, as if no help were available from abroad.

The Chinese people are always glad to receive "friends from afar." Diplomatically our traditional policy is to maintain good relationship with neighbors. In the case of the United States China aims at strengthening the

traditional friendship and hopes to forge a closer link.

With the Soviet Union we are desirous of improving our relations as a matter of practical necessity. Because of our geographical proximity problems are bound to arise. Since we know they cannot be solved through any channel other than peace, we propose to exert more efforts for their amicable solution.

Relations With Britain

As China's commercial relation with Britain is the longest, having extended for over two hundred years and reached enormous proportions, we are looking forward to its early revival both in volume and kind. And the trade, we hope, will again prove to be mutually profitable.

It is a great regret that China should remain suffering from the necessity of waging a war in suppression of an armed rebellion. Hope for peaceful settlement was shattered to pieces and we have been compelled to resort to arms. It follows that China's military machine must, all the more be trained not only to cope with the situation but to effect its early and successful conclusion.

Here two principles must be adhered to: the strict enforcement of discipline and the elevation of the morale of the soldiers on the one hand, and the adequate supply of material subsistence and modern equipment on the other. The rank and file should be well armed both physically as well as spiritually.

To ensure good discipline a fair and just system of punishment and promotion has to be instituted under the supervision of good commanding officers. Meanwhile no soldiers can fight to the best of their abilities if they are not convinced of the cause for which they may have to lay down their lives. In addition they should have sufficient pay, enough food and adequate equipment. These are prerequisites to a good army.

Finally there is the necessity of enforcing Article 130 of the new Constitution which says "The army, navy and air forces of the entire nation shall place themselves above all personal, regional or party affiliations, shall be loyal to the state and shall protect the people."

LONDON KNOWS NOTHING

London, Feb. 11. Nothing whatever is known here of any Soviet proposal for a new Big Four meeting, it was stated by a Foreign Office spokesman today.

He was commenting on a report in a London evening paper today that Russia had taken the initiative towards a four-power conference to discuss the Austria peace treaty, the future of the Italian colonies, and the machinery for the Far Eastern peace treaty, by proposing a meeting next May in London or Paris.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

2 AND 1 EQUAL 1 AND 2

Loving two tricks in one suit and one in another adds up to exactly the same total as one in the first suit and two in the second. It should be as plain as two and two make four or as slicing baloney leaves it still baloney, no matter how thin the slices. But there are many occasions in which the lazy player does not look around and find a way to apply that simple principle while protecting himself against the possibility of dropping still another trick.

S. K. Q 10 8
H. A 6 5
D. A 9 5 3
C. K J
S. J 7 4
H. K Q 10 7
D. None
C. Q 10 7 6
S. A 9 6 5 2
H. 8 5 4
D. 8 4
C. A 8 4

(Dealer: West. North-South vulnerable.)
West North East South
4 D 3 H 10 East 3 S
Pass

North and South were using the best convention that has yet been devised for protection against the weak suit bids of three now being made by fine players as a barrier to impede their opponents. In this convention, a bid of the suit ranking immediately above the three-bid, has the meaning of an informative or take-out double, saying nothing about how many cards are in the suit. That frees the double for use in its natural meaning for business also leaves a No-Trump available; to make you want to play for a game in that contract.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 8 5
H. A K Q J 4
D. A 9 6 3
C. A 9 6 3
S. A K 10
H. 7
D. J 10 8
C. None
S. 6 2
H. 6 2
D. A 9 6 3 4 2
C. A 9 6 3

(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)
How should North and South bid this hand, if they are "shooting" to make up about 1,000 points near the end of a team match?

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Now don't go jumping to conclusions, Albert! It's just that papa sometimes has a little trouble getting out in the evening!"

Superstition And Tradition

By Margaret Bradbury

The Chinese New Year holidays, which Hong Kong's native population has just celebrated joyfully, have been accompanied in traditional fashion by numerous religious and customary rites practised in China on this occasion for many hundreds of years.

Among them are the sacrificing of gifts to mythical gods for past and future favours, the worshipping of ancestors, and the burning of joss paper as offerings. This act is based on the belief that the joss when burnt will rise into the other world and await its owner, to be then claimed and used as money. It is thought that the amount of joss burnt by any member of the Chinese community will determine the amount of money he will have to spend when he is dead. Sometimes the joss takes the form of paper clothing with the idea that this will also be waiting for its owner in heaven. At this time of the year many Chinese shops do a good trade selling packages of paper clothing ready made-up into complete outfits to be bought and used for this purpose.

Another interesting rite which is performed universally by the Chinese on New Year is the worshipping of the Kitchen God. Known as "Tso Kwan," he is a very influential person and is worshipped by every Chinese household any time after four o'clock in the afternoon of New Year's Eve. Joss is burnt to him and crackers are fired in his honour. In each dwelling a small space is set aside where offerings are made to him.

These often include honey, the idea being that when "Tso Kwan" visits the other world that same evening to make his annual report, his lips will be sweetened and capable of speaking only sugared words about the various households where he has been fed.

No Chinese celebration is complete without the firecracker. At New Year's Eve, strings of fire crackers are responsible for keeping away all evil spirits with their loud explosions. Judging by the noise they make, this seems to be a very sound conjecture. The prosperity of a family is also judged by the size of its strings of firecrackers. The richer a household, the larger they must be or face will be lost by the head of the family.

To any European stranger in Hong Kong the family ceremonies which take place in Chinese homes at the New Year seem strange indeed. But in actual fact several of the old English customs which are attached to the "seeing in" of the New Year, are equally strange and have their origin in deep-rooted superstitions. In the North of England and Scotland up to the present day, one of the most popular customs commonly practised is "first footing" on New Year's Eve. The first person who enters the house after midnight is called the "first foot" and is believed to be a herald of good fortune. In Lancashire this person must be a dark complexioned man, otherwise it is believed that bad luck will fall on the household during the year. In some other parts of England, however, a light complexioned man is considered a more favourable bringer of good fortune.

Durham Tradition

The person who is chosen for this duty in Durham is bound by custom to bring in a piece of coal, a piece of iron, and a bottle of whisky. To each man of the company, he gives a glass, and to each woman a kiss. The presentation of New Year and Christmas cards, and of other more expensive gifts to friends at this season is universally practised, and is as old as the time of the Romans. Crackers were not then invented in Europe but we still have our engines which can claim a very respectable antiquity. The English and Roman Church endeavoured to overthrow many old customs on account of the

superstitions connected with them, and New Year's gifts were objected to because they were originally offered as omens of success for the coming year.

In England, a midnight service is now the most usual manner of ushering in the New Year, but at Oldham in Lancashire, the wasellers, or singing merrymakers, still come round with their bunches of evergreens hung with oranges and apples and coloured ribbons, and sing carols. In the Isle of Man the old custom called the "Quaalagh" is still partially observed. In almost every district a party of young men go from house to house singing a rhyme in the Manx language. When these lines are repeated at the threshold of any home the party are invited into the house and the one who enters first is called the "Quaalagh" or "first foot" as in the northern parts of England. As in Lancashire, the housewives in many of the upland cottages on the island, before going to bed, spread the ashes smoothly on the hearth and if in the morning the print of a foot can be detected with the toe pointing towards the door, they believe there will be a death in the family during the year.

Young Man's Dating

At Holderness, Yorkshire, all young men in the area gather together at midnight on New Year's Eve and after blackening their faces and disguising themselves, they pass through the villages each carrying a piece of chalk. With this they mark the gates, doors, windows and vehicles in the streets with the date of the New Year. It is considered lucky in that part of the county to have one's house dated, and no attempt is made to prevent the markers from carrying out wholesale chalking.

In ancient days the "wassail bowl," a dish of spiced ale, was carried round from house to house in many parts of England by the women who sang songs and wished everyone a "Happy New Year." In fact singing and carolling was heard all over the land, from mansion to cottage and monastery. The loving cup, at our civic feasts and the great cup at our college celebrations, are the sole relics of this ancient tradition.

R.A.F. Anson Crash

Hendon, Feb. 12. Two airmen were killed and four civilians injured today when a Royal Air Force Anson aircraft, believed to be coming in to land at the Hendon R.A.F. Station, crashed at Montrose Park.

According to eye-witnesses, the plane struck a scaffolding on a new block of flats, plunged onto a trolley bus and careered across into a factory wall.

It came to rest lying upside down with one wing and engine completely smashed and its tail embedded in the roof of a car. The Anson narrowly missed cashing into Hendon's biggest civic restaurant, which was crowded at the time.—Reuter.

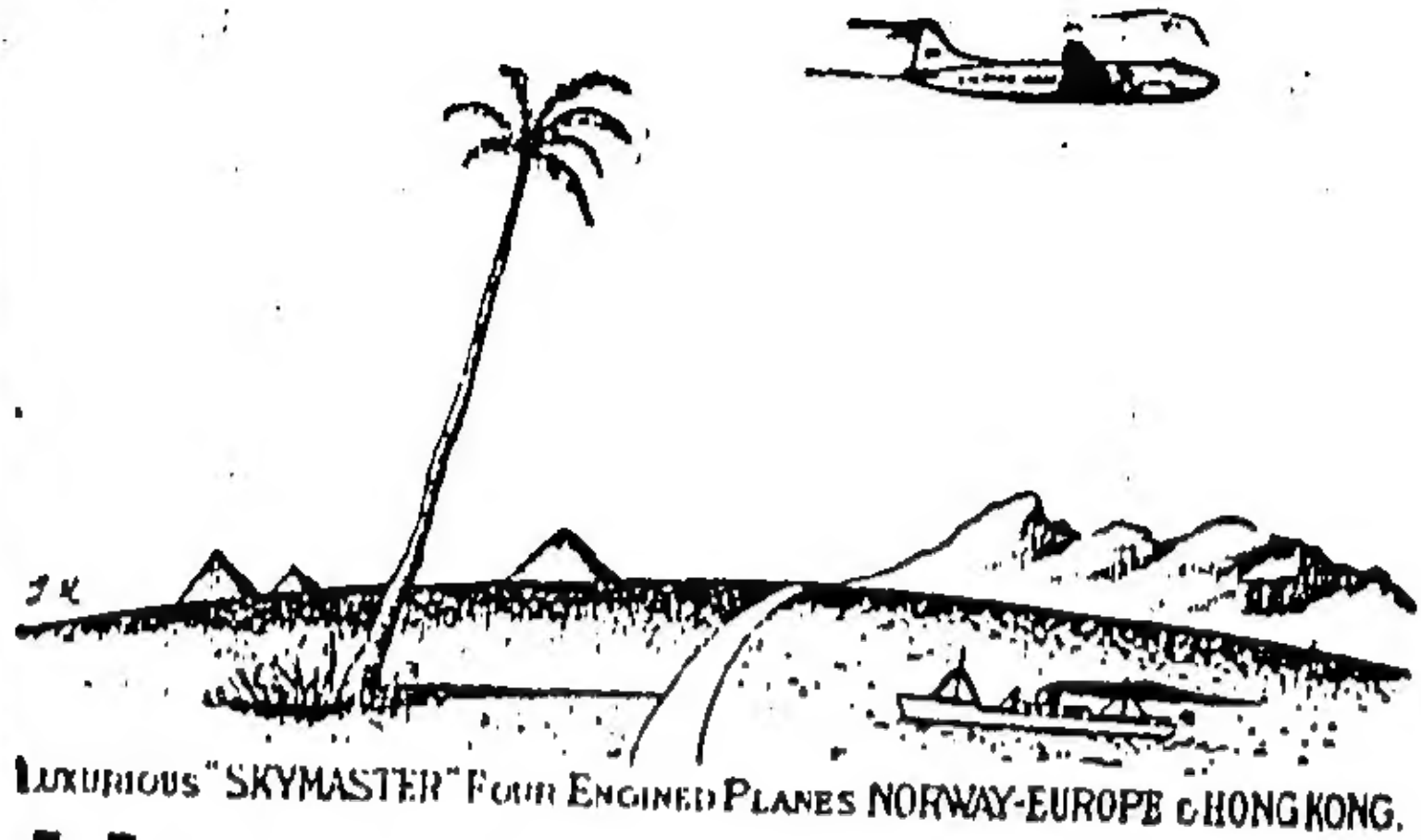
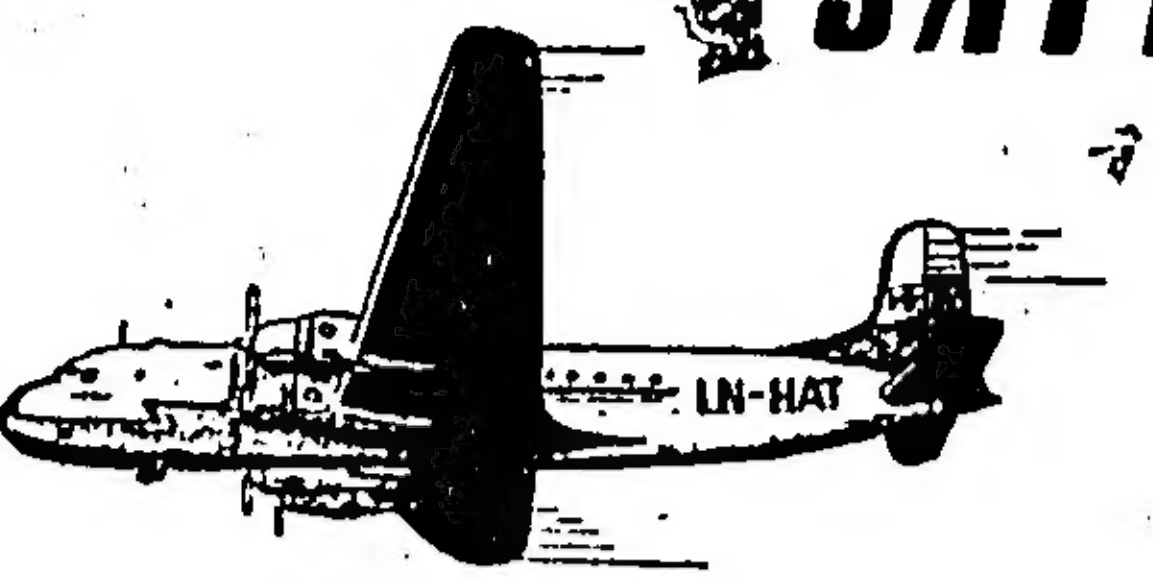
COOKED AND ATE HIS SISTER

Frankfurt, Feb. 12. Barnhard Oehme, a 65-year-old German from Chemnitz, in the Soviet Zone, has admitted to killing, cooking, and eating his 20-year-old sister, Maria Oehme. Chemnitz police alleged, according to the German news service, DENA.—Reuter

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BELGRADE ON THE RAMPAGE

United States Sowing Seeds Of War

Marshall Plan "Imperialistic"

Belgrade, Feb. 12. Marshal Josef Tito, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, today accused America of "sowing the seeds of war" and of being the "greatest enemy of peace" but said: "There will be no war because the people do not want war. It is a war of nerves."

He also announced the Marshall Plan as a scheme to save American financiers and attacked European Right-wing Socialist leaders as "valets" of American capitalists.

Bao Dai's Talks In Paris

Paris, Feb. 11. Negotiations between ex-Emperor Bao Dai, who saw the Premier, M. Robert Schuman, on Monday, and the Government have "progressed to the satisfaction of both sides and have reached a decisive point," a member of the ex-Emperor's suite told Reuter last night.

The spokesman said that Bao Dai would meet the High Commissioner, M. Emile Bollaert, to discuss the future of Indo-China "very shortly," but not necessarily on the date already announced—they were to have met on Friday in Indo-China.

Government circles tonight would make no comment on the ex-Emperor's plans, but it was pointed out that a mere postponement of the Bao Dai-Bollaert interview did not necessarily imply any sudden hitch in what were described as "invariably delicate and involved negotiations."

In Indo-Chinese circles in Paris, it was felt that Bao Dai might well be waiting for a calmer atmosphere in Indo-China where the feeling is reported to have been inflamed by the arrests last week of Tran Ngue Danh, head of the Viet Nam delegation in Paris, and other Viet Namese living in France.

Bao Dai is expected to leave Paris tonight for Cannes, in the South of France.—Reuter.

C.S.C.A.'s Green Light

LONDON, FEB. 12. LEADERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE CLERICAL ASSOCIATION, REPRESENTING 150,000 WORKERS IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, DECIDED TONIGHT TO PROCEED WITH THEIR WAGE CLAIMS IN SPITE OF GOVERNMENT APPEALS THAT SUCH DEMANDS SHOULD NOT BE PRESSED.

The decision was reached by the General Purposes Committee of the Association, meeting in London.

Another 100,000 civil servants, organised in smaller unions, are likely to fall in line. Last week's Government statement made clear that the Government itself would not consider giving general wage increases and would only grant rises in relation to increased production.

The Civil Service Clerical Association has an influential Communist element.—Reuter.

Military Aid For Greece

Washington, Feb. 11. Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said today that the State Department was giving final consideration to the granting of funds to aid the armed forces of Greece and Turkey.

Mr. Marshall declined to comment on press reports from Istanbul that Turkey would get \$125,000,000 more mainly to build up her Air Force.

He said the needs of the two Mediterranean nations were being examined on the basis of recommendations by members of the American military missions in Athens and Ankara but until this process was completed, no aid figures would be announced.—Reuter.

Marshall Tito was addressing Yugoslav "shock workers" in Belgrade.

"Reaction in our country is weak," he declared, "but abroad it is unfortunately strong enough. Foreign reaction tries to demoralise us by psychological warfare and thus hamper our reconstruction work but they will not succeed."

Turning to the United States, Marshall Tito declared: "Who has come first within the orbit for other countries—us or the Americans with their warships? The reply is clear. We have not provoked them."

"Who is setting up bases in Africa? Not we but American reaction."

"Finally, when the war is finished and there are no more Germans down there, they create their bases."

"Who is setting up bases in Greece? Not we."

"Who is buying territories in Spain and Portugal to establish bases? Not we but they."

He said that reports that Yugoslavia intended to attack Tito and that she was meddling in Greece, were "landmark calumnies."

"We shall no more attack Tito than we are responsible for the situation in Greece where the people fight against their oppressors and the American occupiers," he said.

Marshall Tito said his ultimate aim was to save the American "financial oligarchy" from "imperialist crisis."

"Imperialist"

"The Marshall Plan will not aid the people of France, Britain or any other country," he said. "This is an imperialist policy directed against the political and economic life of the various peoples of Europe and, therefore, highly industrialised countries like Switzerland, Sweden and Denmark, and even non-industrialised Turkey, are hesitating to accept the plan, fearing that their industries might be suffocated by the dollar influence."

Attacking the "Monarcho-Fascist provocation occurring daily on the Albanian, Bulgarian and Yugoslav frontiers," (a reference to Greece), Marshall Tito declared: "Our country is improving and is led by men who do not think of war, but I must emphasise they think also of reinforcing the offensive power of our country so that no provocative power could harm us."—Reuter.

Reparations Policy

Berlin, Feb. 11. The Soviet military administration in Germany has accepted the Socialist Unity Party proposals for its reparations payments of the Eastern Zone to the Soviet Union and Poland and to decrease the occupation costs, Tageliche Rundschau, organ of the Soviet military administration, announced today.

The plan for reparations in 1948 fixed a quota not higher than that for 1947, the paper added.

The costs of the occupation would be lowered. The total production in the Eastern Zone is to be raised in 1948—that of industry, for example, by seven to 10 per cent, the paper declared.—Reuter.

Ready For War At Any Time

Washington, Feb. 11. Turkey is ready "to fight anybody at any time" to preserve her freedom, Major General Horace L. McBride, chief of the United States military mission to Turkey, said here today.

The general, who was called home for policy talks on the \$100,000,000 Turkish aid programme, said the Turks were not looking for anything outside their own border and would resist any move against them.

The State Department is now studying whether to ask Congress to vote further military help in addition to the assistance Turkey expected to get under the Marshall Plan.

General McBride said his mission would reach its full strength of about 260 men by April 1. It will then include 100 ground force officers and men, 100 from the Air Force, about 40 naval men and 20 experts on public roads construction.

He said a "big shipment" of military supplies and equipment was getting under way this month.

At the same time, the State Department denied a Moscow Radio report that the United States was arranging with Turkey to build a huge air base there.—Reuter.

REDS FIRE ON GERMANS

Hamburg, Feb. 11. A Russian soldier shot and killed a German police sergeant on the Vienenburg-Littenrode road yesterday on the British side of the British-Russian zonal frontier.

The Hamburg police reported that the Russian soldier, who they said, was five miles inside the frontier line, fired on a German police patrol which and told him and some other Russians with him that they were on British-occupied territory.—Reuter.

Regulation Of Profits

Paris, Feb. 11. Announcing a Government plan to regulate profits in France, M. Pierre Abelin, Secretary of State for the Premier's Office, said that retail prices would be stabilised at the level of Jan. 15, 1948.

The only exceptions permitted in the bill would be in cases where a merchant proved that costs had mounted to a corresponding degree.

M. Abelin declared the penalties proposed would include the temporary closing of offenders' premises, fines and imprisonment.

The Council of Ministers also approved a decree authorising the payment of three 5,000-franc notes to those whose total holdings were less than 70,000 francs when the notes were called in.

Holders of two of the high denomination notes have already been repaid.—Reuter.

Soviet Composers "Smell"

MOSCOW, FEB. 12. DIMITRI SHOSTAKOVITCH WHO WROTE HIS LENINGRAD SYMPHONY DURING THE SIEGE OF THE CITY AND SEIGE PROKOFIEV WHO WROTE "PETER AND THE WOLF" AND THE MUSIC BALLETS "CINDERELLA" AND "ROMEO AND JULIET," WERE NAMED IN A DECREE BY THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY TODAY CONDEMNING SOME OF THE SOVIET UNION'S LEADING COMPOSERS OF "FORMALIST" AND ANTI-POPULAR TENDENCIES.

The decree complained that they "distorted music into a cacophony of meaningless noises" and said: "This music strongly smells of the modernistic bourgeois music of Britain and America which reflects the degradation of bourgeois culture—the negation of musical art and its dead-end."

The decree, aimed at "reorienting" Soviet music, also criticised the composers Khachaturian, Shchubnik, Popov and Minkovskiy, and said the creative works of all the composers mentioned "provides the most graphic examples of formalistic perversions and anti-democratic tendencies alien to the Soviet people and its artistic taste."

The composers were accused of departing from the school of Russian classical composers whose music was "the best in the world." Their works have been widely played in the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

PERCIVAL DESPATCHES OUT THIS MONTH

London, Feb. 12. The long awaited war despatch of Lt-Gen. A. E. Percival on operations in the Malayan campaign of December, 1941, to February, 1942, is to be published on Feb. 26, the Minister of War, Mr. Emmanuel Shinwell, announced today.

The Naval and Air Force despatches on that phase of the war will be published simultaneously, he said.

General Percival's 120,000-word despatch has been with the War Office for almost two years, its publication having been several times postponed.

Repeated consultations have taken place between the Colonial Office and Dominion authorities directly interested. Certain passages, which it was felt, might provoke unnecessary criticism, were last year referred to Canberra.

General Percival himself expressed disappointment at the delay in publication.

In the House of Commons today, Mr. Shinwell said that, as far as he knew, the despatches would be published in full.

Sir Stanley Reed, Conservative, asked Mr. Shinwell: "Will you give your personal attention to the full account of this disastrous campaign in justice to the many

gallant men whose lives were lost in it and whose actions have not been fully appreciated?"

Mr. Shinwell replied: "When you see these despatches published, you will be able to form an opinion as to whether they are accurate or not."—Reuter.

The United States had protested to Russia and Hungary against what is termed the "abduction" of two American military attaches by Soviet troops in Hungary.

In a note sent to Moscow last Saturday, the State Department declared the Soviet troops' action was "an arbitrary and unjustified exercise of police power."

The two attaches, Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Thiele and Peter J. Kopsak, were seized on Jan. 14, the note said, adding that they were taken across the frontier to Vienna and released there when the United States authorities protested.

The United States asked that "appropriate orders be issued to Soviet troops to ensure that Hungarian sovereignty be respected and that such incidents do not occur in the future."—Reuter.

SPINSTERS MOB COMMONS

London, Feb. 12. Police reinforcements, had to be directed to the House of Commons tonight to turn out about 50 spinsters from the Central Lobby.

They had been demanding pensions at 55 instead of at 60 years of age.—Reuter.

STATE LOTTERY PROPOSAL

London, Feb. 12. The Cabinet is to consider a proposed £2,000,000,000 British International State Lottery.

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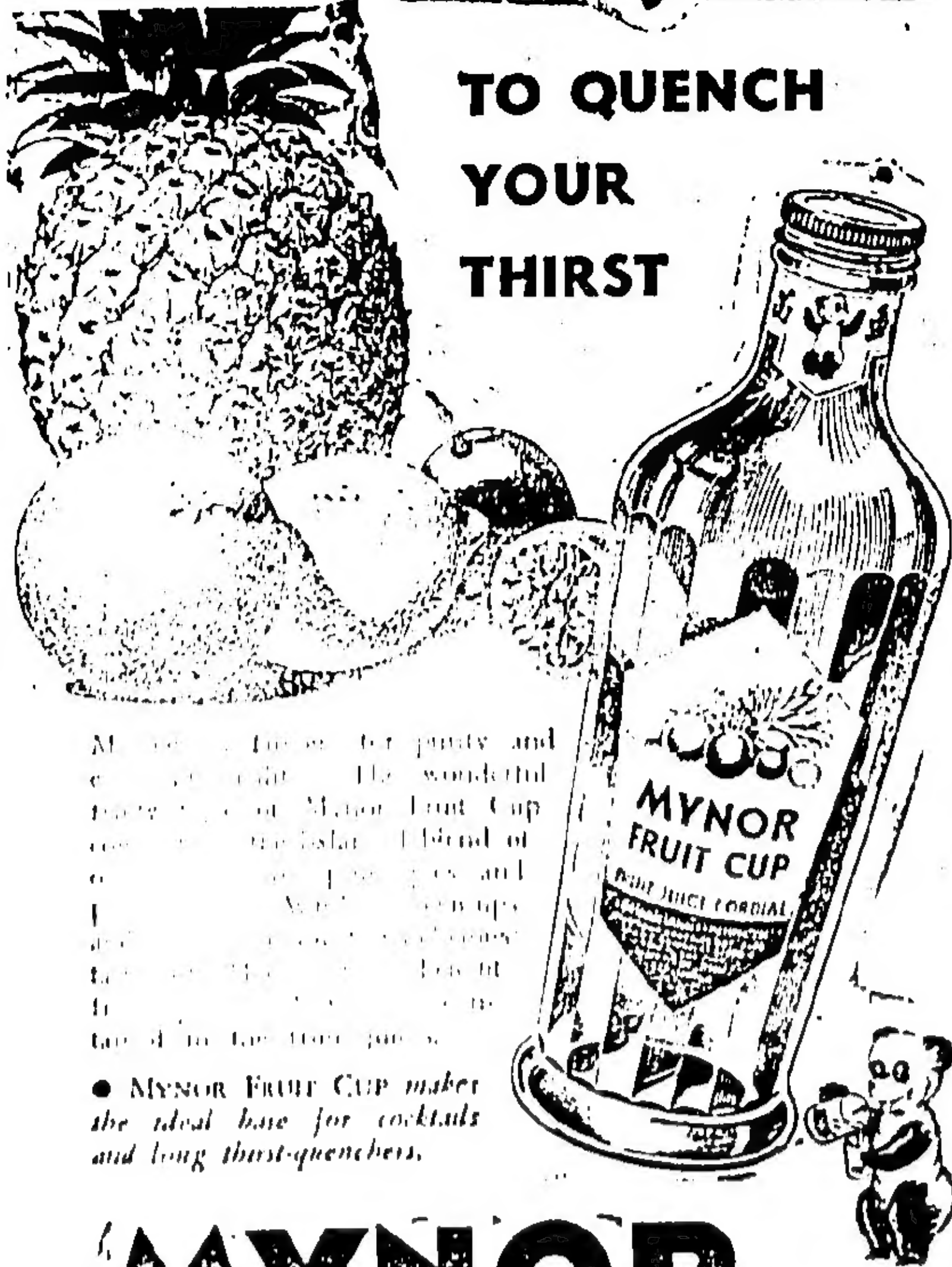
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CINEMA WORLD

FIRST RATE SHOWS

The film industry is going out of its way next week to give of its best for Hong Kong.

Even the most fastidious and discriminating of local film-fans will find the choice (where it is impossible to go to them all) likely to prove exceedingly difficult.

Here is a list of the principal offerings, all of which are being reviewed elsewhere in this page: "Sinbad the Sailor" will be shown at the Queen's; "The Road to Utopia" is a King's Theatre offering; "The Macomber Affair," from the Hemingway story will be showing at the Lee Theatre; and "San Antonio," an Errol Flynn film, is destined for the Central and Alhambra Theatres.

Two of them are in technicolor, and in all there is much to delight those who are keenly interested in photography, as they are in the story which the film endeavours to portray. It could easily be a long time before a more attractive selection offers.

Meantime, Leroy March, writing from Hollywood, gives away a secret to most film-fans when he discloses that in "Loves of Carmen," now in production, three members of the Cansino family will be seen at work. Most famous of the trio is Rita Hayworth—you knew Carmen was her real name, or didn't you?—and there's Rita's uncle, Jose Cansino, who does a dance routine, and also Rita's father, Eduardo, also in a dance number.

HOLLYWOOD HEARSAY: "Carmen" presents Victor Jory in a picture for the first time in five years. ... while in England Bob Hope gave all his changes of clothes to those who so badly needed garments there. He arrived back in New York with just what he was wearing. ... Jack Oakie is gaining back those many, many pounds he lost. ... Burgess Meredith off to England to star in "Laurence of Arabia". ... Cesar Romero will star in a New York stage revival of "Strictly Dishonorable," the same role that made him famous 15 years ago. ... Mexican Character Actor Chris-Pin Martin gets one of his best comedy opportunities in "Corkscrew Alley". ... Frank Veloz, of Veloz and Yolanda, has written a new rhumba hit, "Calon Drag". ... Jackie Seale, that nasty little kid of pictures some 20 years ago, isn't nasty or a kid any more, but is still in pictures. Look for him in "Hazard" with Paulette Goddard. ... Frank Morgan having a new yacht built, and will try to win the Honolulu race again. ... Max Factor, Jr. insists he'd make too many enemies if he named his choice for the most glamorous glamour girl in town, as I asked him to. ... on a recent radio programme Al Jolson observed: "I have much to be thankful for—the food I eat, the clothes I wear, and Larry Parks."

Maureen O'Hara confides that if she doesn't have a youngster of her own within the next year, she will make up for this lack by adopting one.



King Crabby, Dorothy Lamour and Bob Hope are costarred in a new "Road" film, Paramount's "Road to Utopia," coming to the King's Theatre. This is said to be even funnier than "Road to Singapore," "Road to Morocco" and "Road to Zanzibar."

FEAST FOR THE EYES!



These are the beautiful handmaidens and their winsome mistress of the Emir's harem, Maureen O'Hara, in "Sinbad the Sailor," opening next week at the Queen's Theatre.

"Her Husband's Affairs"

When a curious wife turns the private life of her genius husband into an hilarious public scandal, movie fans are the winners in the fun sweepstakes.

"Her Husband's Affairs" is the most rollicking and completely entertaining film in many a month, and opens at the King's Theatre on Tuesday. Lucille Ball and Franchot Tone play a husband and

wife team whose marriage is like a "miracle" cream, invented by a delightfully-mad friend of his, which will do away forever with the barbaric custom of shaving. With all newspapers covering the occasion, the cream is demonstrated before a huge gathering of prominent citizens, including the governor of the state, a popular movie star, forty policemen, etc.

Supporting the two stars are Edward Everett Horton, Mikhail Rasmussen and Gene Lockhart.

The film has Tone all excited about a "miracle" cream, invented by a delightfully-mad friend of his, which will do away forever with the barbaric custom of shaving. With all newspapers covering the occasion, the cream is demonstrated before a huge gathering of prominent citizens, including the governor of the state, a popular movie star, forty policemen, etc.

The next morning, however, those who participated find they have longer beards than ever! From this point on, one hilarious sequence follows another with Tone being put on trial for a murder that never happened. But knowing that the victim is alive, Tone decides to use the trial to build up publicity for another creation, an ossified flower that will keep its fragrance forever. Rushing to his rescue, Lucille upsets the applicant by swearing Tone is insane, hoping that way to save his life!

"Her Husband's Affairs" was directed by S. Sylvan Simon for producer Raphael Bakim.

Council Of War



A scene from "San Antonio" which is coming to the Central and Alhambra. It shows a "council of war" between Florence Bates, S.Z. Sakall, Alexis Smith and Errol Flynn.

A Hemingway Story

"The Macomber Affair," a screen adaptation of one of Ernest Hemingway's most dramatic short-stories, opens at the Lee Theatre on Wednesday. Based on "The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber," which is regarded as one of the author's most compelling stories, this Benedict Bogeaus film contrasts seething emotions and violent hatred against the exciting background of a big game hunt in the heart of the African lion country.

Gregory Peck is cast as a lanky, intrepid hunter who can drop a buffalo at one hundred yards, but falls himself when lovely Joan Bennett draws a bead on him. Robert Preston shares co-starring honours.

The story deals with the wealthy, unhappily married Macombers, Francis (Robert Preston) and his wife, Margaret (Joan Bennett). As a final attempt at reconciliation, Margaret agrees to accompany her husband to Nairobi, British East Africa, where Robert Wilson (Gregory Peck), the renowned professional hunter and guide, is engaged to lead the Macomber safari through the jungle in search of game.

Margaret's suspicions of her husband's inherent cowardice are proven when Macomber turns and flees at his first encounter with the game. Macomber, already tortured by a sense of shame, is further taunted by his wife's sudden interest in the manly Wilson. The situation grows until it is finally culminated in a violent death.

The film of a Hemingway story is always an event. His "A Farewell to Arms," "For Whom the Bell Tolls," "To Have and Have Not," and "The Killers" all made unusually fine films. "The Macomber Affair," which was produced by Benedict Bogeaus and Casey Robinson, is the most recent of the Hemingway tales to reach the screen.

Another welcome event is a

A Madcap Film



This scene, as originally shot, was one of the most talked-of of the year, in the comedy "Her Husband's Affairs," which will be filmed at the King's next week. This shot shows the "genius" getting a bright idea at 5 o'clock in the morning.

film directed by Zoltan Korda, who directed "Macomber." Korda is famous as a master of the outdoor film, with such great spectacles to his credit as "Four Feathers," "The Thief of Baghdad," and "Sanders of the River."

The supporting cast includes Reginald Denny and Jean Gillie from England.

Every studio in filmland has been negotiating via cable or agents for months now, trying to sign England's Vivien Leigh to come to Hollywood to do a picture, with no luck. Then producer William Peraza of RKO got to wanting Vivien for "The Captain Was a Lady" to such a degree that he dropped all his work at the studio, and fled to London to try in person to persuade her. No report as to his success yet.

Errol Flynn

Warner Bros. drama, "San Antonio," in technicolor, opens at the Central and Alhambra Theatres next week, with a cast headed by Errol Flynn and Alexis Smith.

Briefly, the story is concerned with an era in Texas history when great nomadic cattle herds were being preyed upon by highly organized bands of night raiders.

As Clay Hardin, stubborn and embittered cattleman, Errol Flynn convincingly characterizes a man who has sworn to avenge an injustice only to find himself hindered by his love for a beautiful woman. His performance bears the stamp of a player who not only understands his role but relishes it as well. Clay Hardin, in Flynn's hands, comes to life in the first reel of "San Antonio" and remains a life-like character throughout the film. It's a rough, fast-shooting role and just Errol Flynn's meat.

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On The "Road" Again

Three of screenland's most seasoned travellers cap their adventures with an hilarious trek up the "Road to Utopia," which is to open on Thursday next at the King's Theatre.

Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour hit the million-

nium in laughs in this show which takes the trio into the gold-studded Yukon.

The object of their misadventures is a rich mine buried in the snow-covered Alaskan hills. It's Doty's inheritance, but two of the Yukon's shoo-inest thugs are out to swipe it. Bob and Bing assure Lamour they'll bent them to the punch. The trip is made just a bit more difficult when the two boys mistake the ship's port-hole for a safe and throw their loot fare to the shark's fins. With their last dollar floating away, Bob and Bing have to start working their way northward.

While climatic conditions make it necessary for Doty to trade her jungle swag for a fur-lined parka, she nevertheless has ample opportunity to display the famed Lamour form in some slinky Edith Head creations. On one such occasion she gives forth with a little ditty titled, "Personality," lyrics by Johnny Burke and music by James Van Heusen. Bob and Bing also sing a tune-funful array of melodies.

Under the direction of Hal Walker, "Road to Utopia" moves along at a riotous pace.

A New Arabian Night Show

Swashbuckling adventures on land and sea, with plenty of romantic embellishment, are enacted in RKO Radio's lavish technicolor extravaganza, "Sinbad the Sailor," starring Douglas, Fairbanks, Jr., Maureen O'Hara and Walter Slezak, which opens at the Queen's next week.

Sinbad, the seafaring adventurer whose seven voyages are graphically described in The Arabian Nights, here undertakes an eighth voyage, every bit as exciting as those related by Scheherazade. The fabulous treasure of Alexander the Great is Sinbad's goal. The Emir of Dalbul also has designs on the treasure and proves to be a worthy foe of the intrepid adventurer. In the encounter of the Emir is Shireen, a beautiful adventuress, whose charms so completely intrigue Sinbad that he abducts her. The romance is anything but placid; in fact, it often flares into open violence.

However, she is happy enough to come into Sinbad's arms after he has sent the Emir and his men to a picturesque end and sails away with her into a gorgeous Oriental sunset.

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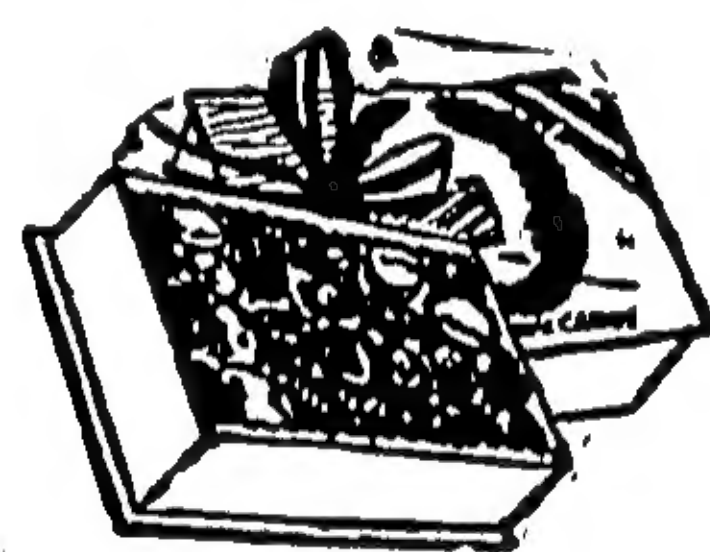
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PLAIN TALKING BY CRIPPS: "POSITION GETTING WORSE" Supreme Effort This Year

London, Feb. 11.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, tonight warned the nation in a statement to press correspondents that the gap between its overseas expenditure and its present earnings had reached "menacing proportions." Unless it was closed by the efforts of the British people, supported he hoped, by Marshall aid, essential supplies of food and raw materials would be cut off.

A few minutes earlier, the Government had disclosed that it spent £675 million more on imports last year than it earned from exports.

In 1947, Britain spent £2,105 million on imports but earned only £1,430 million for her exports, leaving a £675 million deficit.

Sir Stafford Cripps said: "A supreme effort must be made this year to remedy our external position."

"Abnormal world conditions render the task particularly difficult, but there is no alternative. We must tighten export and earn enough for our food and raw materials, or do without."

£500 Million Left

Sir Stafford Cripps indicated last Saturday that further deterioration this year was possible when he said: "The position is definitely worse than it was six months ago."

Today's Government statement disclosed that only £512 million in gold and dollars remained in Britain's central reserve at the end of 1947. This sum was due to be augmented by the remaining £75 million of the United States loan and by the South African gold loan of £80 million, plus whatever might be drawn from the Canadian loan and the International Monetary Fund.

But how far this sum would carry Britain was indicated by the disclosure that last year the drain on the reserve soared to £1,023 million in 1946.

The worsening of the balance of payments in 1947 was primarily in Britain's relations with the Western Hemisphere. She had a current account surplus with the sterling area of £30 million but a deficit with the Western Hemisphere of £680 million.

Facing Facts

Britain's imports in 1947 increased 14 per cent in volume, but 44 per cent in value, because of higher prices.

"We must face the fact that a greater effort on our part is needed to obtain the same amount of essential supplies," the Chancellor of the Exchequer commented.

The war had ended Britain's "invisible receipts" from investments and shipping services which paid for over a quarter of the British imports in 1938, he added.

UNRRA and advances to Far Eastern and other devastated

countries fell from £110 million to £62 million.

Warning

A high Government official emphasised that until the favourable balance with the Eastern Hemisphere (only £5 million in 1947) can not only be brought equal to the deficit with the Western Hemisphere (£680 million) but also made convertible into dollars, "we are far from achieving a solution of our balance of payment problem."

The payments off the sterling balances were wholly to sterling area countries, India being by far the biggest beneficiary.

Of the prospects of increased income from investments, Sir Stafford warned: "We cannot expect any improvement this year."—Reuter.

Sorry Record Of 1947

London, Feb. 10.

Britain's adverse balance of payments in 1947 was £675,000,000.

The gap between expenditure on imports and receipts for exports had widened thus far from £380 million in 1946 and £70 million in 1938.

Provisional figures for 1947, contained in a Government statement on balance of payments issued today, revealed that Britain's payments for 1947 totalled £2,105 million against receipts for £1,430 million.

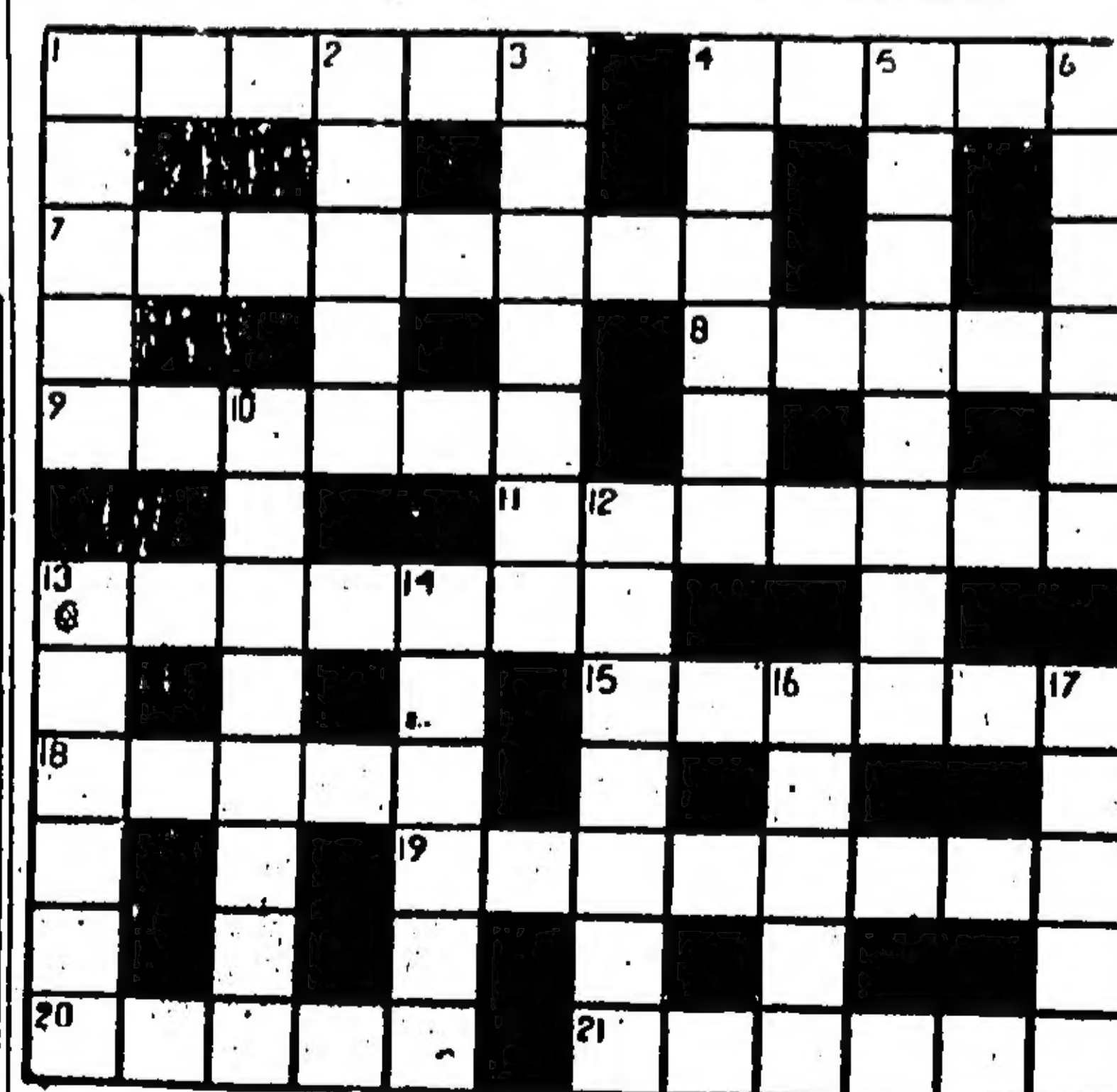
The net drain on the United Kingdom gold and dollar reserves last year was £1,023 million. This was made up by a decrease in the gold and dollar holdings of £151 million, drawings on United States credit of £707 million, drawings on Canadian credit of £105 million, and £60 million from the International Monetary Fund.

The net change in the United Kingdom external capital assets is shown by a credit figure of £208 million as against a deficit of £114 million in 1946.

The net change in sterling balances shows a deficit of £142 million against credit figure of £40 million for 1946.

The worsening of the balance of payments in 1947 was primarily in Britain's relations with the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Haphazard.
- 4 Drugged.
- 7 Dilemma.
- 10 Liarism.
- 13 Dodge.
- 15 Small tower.
- 17 Goss.
- 18 Liken.
- 19 Tirade.
- 20 Damp.
- 21 Lengthen.
- 22 Bird.
- 23 Simmered.

Clues Down

- 1 Send.
- 2 Put off.
- 3 Prefect.
- 4 Hate.
- 5 Abode of bliss.
- 6 Constraint.
- 10 Recollect.
- 12 Gives.
- 13 Stick to.
- 14 Gather.
- 15 Zealous.
- 16 Rascal.
- 17 Fear.

Tuesday's Crossword

Across—1 Plus, 4 Romance, 8 Telp, 9 Wave, 10 Defect, 11 Amen, 12 Bell, 14 Recluse, 17 Arise, 19 Edges, 22 Slender, 26 Rest, 27 Gals.

ANGLO-FRENCH BLOC TALKS

Paris, Feb. 11.
Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared in an exclusive interview given to the London correspondent of the Paris evening paper, Paris Presse, today that France and Britain were in permanent consultation for the realisation of a Euro-African economic bloc, which would be a balancing element between the United States and the USSR.

Sir Stafford said he had no knowledge of any formal conference being arranged shortly between British and French technical experts to study the Euro-African plan, but Paris Presse said it had gathered from sources in London that such a conference would be held some time this month.—Reuter.

ERNEST BEVIN THREATENED

London, Feb. 12.

Security arrangements for the protection of Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin "have been tightened up" following an anonymous telephone warning received by the British Embassy in Paris, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

"The caller said Mr. Bevin is in danger," the spokesman said. He said Mr. Bevin was accompanied by the "usual" Scotland



yard security men when he appeared at the dinner given by the Anglo-French Society last night.—United Press.

T.U.C. Approach To Attlee

LONDON, FEB. 11.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, AND OTHER LEADING CABINET MINISTERS TO-NIGHT MET LEADERS OF BRITISH TRADE UNIONS TO DISCUSS THE GOVERNMENT'S TRADE POLICY.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps and the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbert Morrison, took part in the meeting.

The trade union leaders were seeking elucidation of last week's statement by Mr. Attlee which urged that wages should not be increased unless there is a corresponding rise in output or in undermanned industries where it is in the national interest.

As a result of today's discussion, Sir Stafford Cripps will make a statement in the House of Commons tomorrow detailing the Government's policy on profits. The Government's approach to profits has been attacked by union leaders who feel that any pegging of wages should be accompanied by cuts in profits.—Reuter.

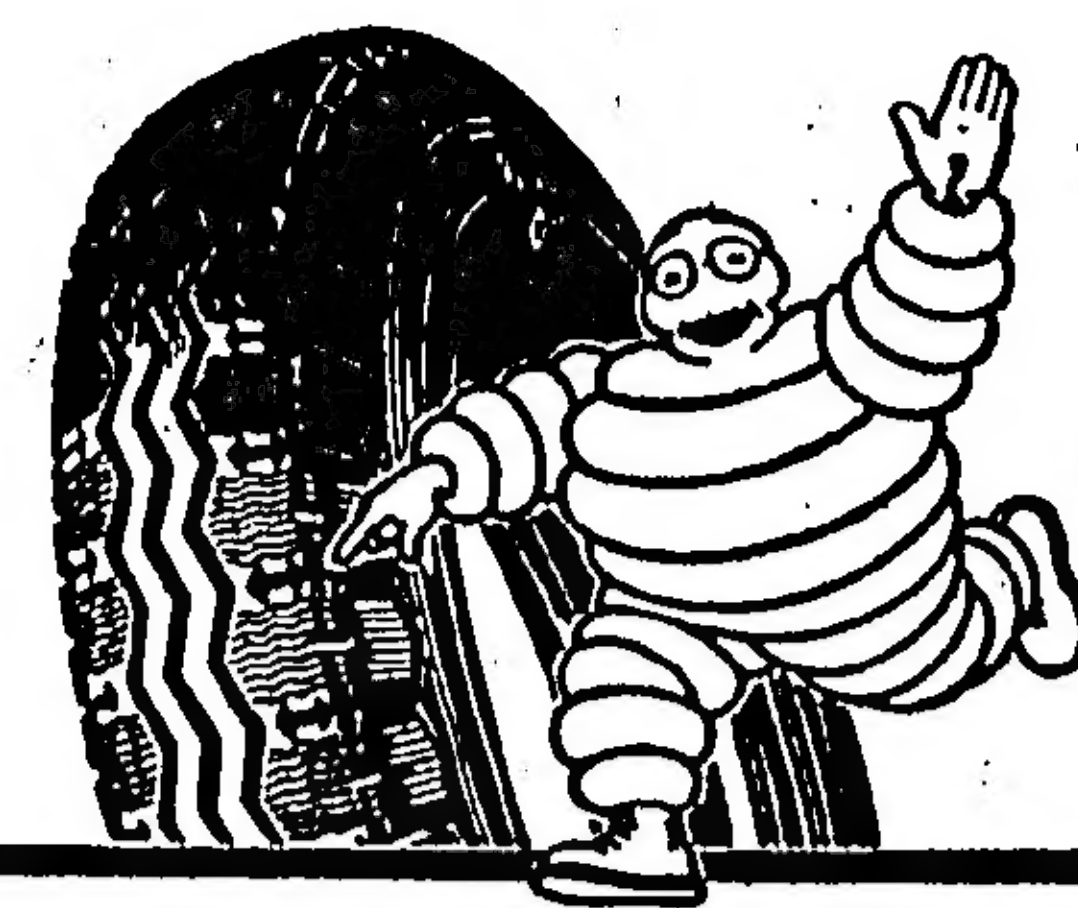
Yard security men when he appeared at the dinner given by the Anglo-French Society last night.—United Press.

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through the woods. Whisk raced after it and was just in time to see it bounce on to a cup-shaped toadstool. "Gracious!" gasped a Rabbit who was taking his small son for a stroll. "What in the warren is this?"



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BEVAN HITS AT DOCTORS: "POLITICALLY POISONOUS"

Sabotage Of Act Of Parliament

London, Feb. 12.

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the Minister of Health, whose bluntness had earlier antagonised opponents of his new National Health scheme, today accused the British Medical Association of being a "small body of politically poisoned people."

The British Medical Association represents a majority of the doctors.

Ten days ago, Mr. Bevan, in an attack on the BMA, said that the plebiscite which it is now conducting among the doctors on whether they should join the act, gave rise to the "possibility of intimidation."

The battle between the Association and Mr. Bevan, which has been raging outside Parliament for several months, was

today taken to the floor of the House of Commons for the first time.

It was in a motion moved by Mr. Bevan welcoming the carrying out of the Government's scheme next July and expressing satisfaction that the conditions under which the profession was invited to take part were "generous and fully in accord with their traditional freedom and dignity."

Squalid

The main controversial issue is over the proposed payment to the doctors of a retaining fee of £300 a year.

Accusing the BMA of stirring up as much emotion as it can in the medical profession, Mr. Bevan said: "We are dealing with a body organising resistance to the implementation of an Act of Parliament."

On this point he was apparently taking his cue from Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who said on Saturday that the attitude of certain groups of people who thought their own interests and opinions ought to override the decisions of the nation "strikes at the very root of democracy."

Charging the BMA with misrepresentation and with rejecting the Government's plans before they knew what the terms of the doctors' remuneration would be, Mr. Bevan added: "The whole thing looks more like a squalid conspiracy than representation by a honourable and learned profession."

Sabotage

He did not object to the BMA urging doctors not to enter the scheme. "What we do take serious objection to is an organised sabotage of an Act of Parliament."

Mr. R. A. Butler, the chief Opposition speaker, blamed Mr. Bevan for failure to reach an agreement with the doctors.

He accused Mr. Bevan of deliberately using such words as "squalid politics" because he knows that "it is in the waters of squalid politics that he most enjoys himself."

Mr. Butler moved an amendment which, while welcoming the introduction of the scheme, "declines to prejudice in any way the rights of doctors to express their opinions freely, according to their traditions and in the interests of their patients upon the conditions of the service."—Reuter.

CONCESSION TO IMPORTERS

Nanking, Feb. 12.

The Executive Yuan yesterday ordered an extension by 10 days of the two-months period allowed to importers of wool now impounded in Shanghai to apply for Government purchase of their cargoes.

The original deadline now falling due also applies in the case of re-exportation for which no extension has been given.

Falling complete registration within the extended period the owners face the only alternative: confiscation of their wool cargoes.—Reuter-AAP.

Abuse Of British Hospitality?

London, Feb. 12.

Mr. John Platts Mills, Labour Member of Parliament, who belong to the left wing of his party, alleged in the House of Commons today that a movement embracing "reasonable elements from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Poland" met in London last October to plot against the security of "countries friendly to Great Britain."

Mr. Platts Mills asked the Foreign Secretary what measures he was taking to prevent this "abuse of British hospitality."

Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, replied that no evidence had come to light on any meetings of foreign nationals in London which could be described as "treasonable" in intent or as an abuse of British hospitality.

Mr. Platts Mills then said that members of the movement he referred to had now set up their "conspiratorial headquarters in Washington under the name of the Peasants International."

SPECULATION EVIL

Washington, Feb. 11.

The United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Clinton F. Anderson, today blamed the recent "boom and bust" market in American upon mass speculation by small traders and asked the Senate Agriculture Committee to approve a bill that would allow the Department of Agriculture to fix the amount of margin required for speculative trading.

Local exchanges now set the margins or down payments required of commodity traders. Mr. Anderson said that control of margins, "to cool the speculative fever before it is too late, is the only remedy we can see as a possible alternative to even more drastic measures."—Reuter.

Pope's Ash Wednesday Message

ROME, FEB. 11.

POPE PIUS XII SAID TODAY THAT "OUR WORLD WILL NOT BE HAPPY" UNLESS THE PEOPLES OF ALL NATIONS ARE UNITED BY LOVE.

His Ash Wednesday message, directed to the parochial school children of the United States, appealed for prayer and "sacrifice" for war needy children of Europe during Lent, which began today.

Recalling the response made by children during Lent last year, he said:

"From Europe, Asia and almost every spot the horrible war has touched, they cried to you. You have made them your friends forever by answering from your hearts."—Associated Press.

French Search For Security

London, Feb. 12.

Diplomatic circles said today France is demanding a security bridgehead east of the Rhine.

The subject, they said, will be high on the agenda of the United States, British and French talks on the future of Western Germany.

A Foreign Office spokesman said a tentative agenda for the conference, due to open around Feb. 20, had been submitted to France by the United States and Great Britain.

The main aim of the American and British representatives will be to persuade France to merge her German occupation zone with those of the United States and Britain.

Where the French want their Rhine bridgehead was not disclosed. Diplomats said the purpose is obviously to obtain an outpost as a base for swift retaliation against any new German attempt at aggression.

The French security requirements were represented by these sources as the price for a merger of Western Germany.—Associated Press.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN INCIDENT

Berlin, Feb. 12.

An official British military night train from the British Zone to Berlin was held up by four Russian officers 'for two and a half hours last night at the British-Russian check point of Helmsdorf, when the Russians insisted on searching a sealed German coach attached to the train.

After a prolonged argument, during which British officers refused to permit the Russians to search the German coach, the coach was left on a siding and the train proceeded without it to Berlin.—United Press.

SANDHURST TO TRAIN GURKHA YOUTHS

London, Feb. 11.

The first step in a scheme by which Gurkha youths will come to England to train at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, was taken by the War Office tonight.

It announced that Major-General C. H. Boucher, former commander of the Second Indian Airborne Division, had been appointed to command the Gurkha Force set up under the agreement signed last November by the British Government, the Indian Government and the Kingdom of Nepal.

Major-General Boucher, who left London for Delhi and Singapore yesterday, after talks at the War Office, was at the outbreak of war instructor at the Staff College, Quetta. Formerly of the Third Gurkha Rifles, during the war he commanded at various times the 10th and 17th Indian Infantry Brigades, the 4th Indian Division (in Salonika) and the 2nd Indian Airborne Division.

The Gurkha Force will consist of the 2nd, 6th, 7th and 10th Gurkha Rifles, each of two battalions, with British elements and with supporting services recruited from Malayans and Chinese. It will be stationed in Malaya, probably by the end of April, and wives and families will go with the troops.

Ten Thousand

The 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th Gurkha Rifles will go to the Government of India.

Owing to the delay in settling the division of the Gurkha units between

Britain and India, only 4,000 Gurkha other ranks have elected to serve with Britain, but the War Office stated that there was a plentiful supply of recruits to make up the ceiling of 10,400 Gurkha manpower available to Britain.

Each infantry brigade of this force will have two Gurkha battalions and one British battalion. The 7th Gurkha Rifles will be converted to artillery. Supporting arms and services will contain in the initial stages a high percentage of specialist officers and non-commissioned officers from the British Army.

Four Years

Gurkha other ranks will join on a four-year contract, which includes six-months leave in Nepal after three years in the Far East.

They will earn a pension after 16 years. Their overseas service will be compensated by a special allowance.

The Gurkhas trained at the Royal Military Academy will return to the Regiment holding normal King's Commissions and will replace Gurkha officers holding the Viceroy's Commissions.—Reuter.

China Tragic Paradox

London, Feb. 12.

A pessimistic view of China's trade problems was given in an article in today's Financial Times by a special correspondent, who declared that there seemed to be little real prospect of improvement until the Chinese Government was able to "control the internal situation."

The special correspondent added: "In the world today China presents a tragic paradox. With a population of 400,000,000, immense natural resources and potential exportable surpluses of just those things for which the world is crying out, she is yet prevented by internal disorders, by inflation and a misguided nationalism from taking advantage of her position. She is suffering from the effects of the Japanese war, followed by the lingering sickness of civil war."—Reuter.

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This, together with American aid, would result in a greatly improved economic situation in China during the year, he added.

Turning to currency reforms advocated by many experts throughout the country, the economist said that the establishment of a new currency on a silver basis would be retrogressive. Besides, it would be costly to put into operation.

He stressed the importance of directing the United States loan into productive channels firstly as a means of obtaining American confidence and secondly to make economic stabilization possible.

Meanwhile, Chinese circles claim that less than 10 days after the announcement of Premier Chang Chun's ten-point self-help programme for economic stabilization designed to make the best possible use of the anticipated United States aid, three of the points are being implemented while detailed measures governing the enforcement of the rest are being drafted by competent authorities.

South China

It is said that action has been taken or is expected on the following three measures: tightening of control over the supply of daily necessities, rehabilitation and development of the nation's industries and the improvement of agricultural production.

Measures for stamping out hoarding and speculation in daily necessities have already been referred to Provincial and Municipal governments for immediate enforcement.

Informed sources revealed that because of Communist disturbances more attention is being paid to industrial rehabilitation in Central and South China than in the northern part of the country. Following the arrival of industrial equipment and of Japanese

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Sovereigns (In free dollars per ounce) \$76.3; Napoleons (In free dollars per ounce) \$75.5; (Unofficial calculations).—Reuter.

New York, Feb. 12.

Crude rubber futures closed 16 to 23 higher. Sales were 160 contracts.

March 20.10 bid, May 19.60, July 19.15, September 18.55b, December 18.18 nominal.

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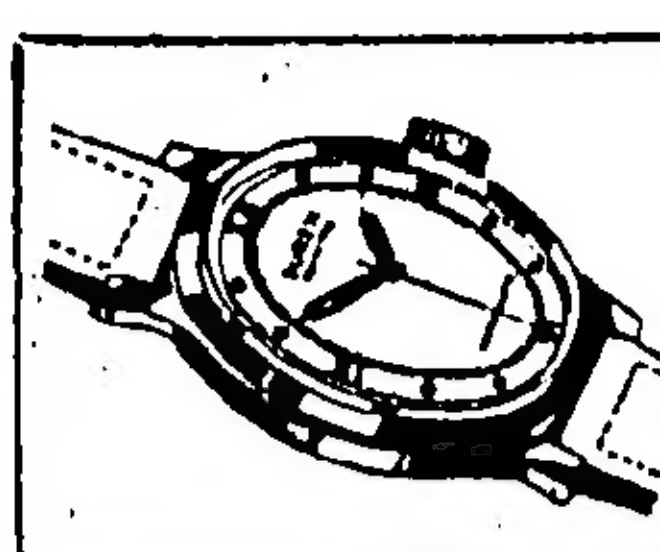
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INTERPORT SOCCER

Shanghai Lose Once And Win Once

On their two appearances of three scheduled games, the Shanghai Interport Football team have lost one—the Interport against Hong Kong—and won one—against Combined Chinese.

The Colony defeated the visitors in the Interport by 5 goals to 1, but the Northerners scraped through against Combined Chinese by the odd goal in three.

Hong Kong 5 Shanghai 1

Before a capacity crowd on the Club Ground at Happy Valley on Chinese New Year's Day, Hong Kong beat Shanghai by five goals to one.

The standard of play did not reach a very high standard and the game, on the whole, fell far below expectations.

Several of the Shanghai defenders were at times inclined to pay more attention to the man than the ball, and the referee had to speak to one of the Shanghai players.

Stars for Shanghai were P. L. Chang and H. Hui.

Chang gave a brilliant exhibition between the sticks and fully lived up to his reputation. He showed a fine range of anticipation, his handling was sure and he was never in two minds.

Hui was sound at left half and was the only Shanghai defender to offer any serious challenge to the Hong Kong forwards.

He extracted his side from many awkward situations, but lacked support.

The other Shanghai defenders were lethargic, and their tackling at times unadvised.

Robinson, leader of Shanghai's attack, of whom much was expected, was well watched and saw very little of the ball. With his failure to get going, the entire Shanghai attack collapsed.

The other forwards lacked understanding and initiative. Many opportunities were wasted by inaccurate passing and shooting.

H.K. Team
Hong Kong gave a magnificent performance, the only noticeable weakness being on the left wing, where Chu Wing-keung, playing in an unaccustomed position, did not impress.

In defence, Hong Kong were best served by Forrow, who was outstanding at pivot and held Robinson off in vice-like grip.

Critics who thought the Forrow would not be able to keep pace with the dashing Robinson, reported to be at the peak of his form, had to pay tribute to Forrow.

He and in the ground, he had Robinson beaten to a standstill.

Hau Ying-sang and B. Gosme were solid backs and did not yield much ground. Their tackling and covering was excellent and afforded good protection to Tani, who had very little to do in goal.

Lau Chung-sang and Cheung Kam-hoi, on Forrow's flanks, lent him invaluable assistance and were perfect in defence and attack.

Tang Yee-kit, leader of the Hong Kong attack, played a dashing game and caused the Shanghai defence no little concern. He was well supported by Kiernan and Chau Man-chi.

Full marks go to Kiernan for his great game. He was always a menace and justified his inclusion. He combined effectively with the Chinese players and readily adapted himself to their style.

Chau Man-chi was a great schemer and prominent in the building up of many dangerous attacks. His speed on the ball and fine dribbling had the Shanghai defence so nonplussed that most of the time they were running round in circles.

H.K. Presses
Hong Kong pressed from the opening, but the Shanghai defence held out and the ball was transferred to the Hong Kong end, where Forrow was forced to concede a corner. From the corner kick, Hong placed the ball in the Hong Kong goalmouth. The ball was passed backwards and forwards across the Hong Kong goalmouth, with the Hong Kong defence checking every attempt to get the ball into the net. The ball was eventually cleared and Kiernan had hard luck with a hard drive which just went a little too high.

Robinson gained possession and attempted to break through, but was tackled. He slipped the

S'hai Beat Combined Chinese

Showing a vast improvement on their display in the Interport, Shanghai beat Combined Chinese by two goals to one on the Club Ground at Happy Valley on Wednesday.

Shanghai made three changes, N. Z. Lee, M. L. Ming and Y. Lee substituting for K. Y. Chan, Y. F. Chu and S. K. Suen.

Chang, in the Shanghai goal, was again the most outstanding player and was the chief obstacle of the Hong Kong forwards who could not get the ball past him.

Combined Chinese were the first to become dangerous, but the forwards were erratic in their shooting when favourably placed.

At one point, the Shanghai defence was completely overrun, but the Combined Chinese forwards did everything but score.

The Shanghai forwards carried out occasional raids and a penalty was awarded to Shanghai, N. Z. Lee, who took the spot kick, halved the ball.

2nd-to-end play followed and from a free kick near the half way line, Lee opened the scoring for Shanghai with a shot which Tani caught, but failed to hold.

Combined Chinese struggled hard to gain the equaliser, but the first-time tackling of the Shanghai defence unsettled the Combined Chinese forwards.

Lead Increased
Combined Chinese attacked desperately to gain the equaliser on resumption and Chang was repeatedly called upon to defend his charge.

Much against the general run of the play, Shanghai increased their lead when Lee rushed in to head a high pass into the net well out of the reach of Tani.

During an attack on the Shanghai goal, a penalty was awarded to Combined Chinese, but Lai Shu-wing's shot was saved by Chang, who dived full length to divert the ball round the upright.

Ten minutes from the end, Fung King-cheung worked his way through to score with a flat shot to reduce Shanghai's lead. This goal put more life into the Hong Kong attack, but the Shanghai defence frustrated all attempts at the equaliser.

Combined Chinese Tani Kwankon, Hui Yung-ang, Tai Kam-hung, Lau Chung-sang, Soong Ling-ling, Fung King-cheung, Tai Kam-hung, Fung King-cheung, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shu-wing and Lee Shik-yang.

Shanghai: P. L. Chang, G. Z. Wai, N. Z. Lee, Hui Yung-ang, M. L. Ming, Y. F. Chu, Y. Lee, T. S. Hui, Robinson, L. H. Hui and T. W. Fui.

Hong Kong Beats The Combined Services

The annual cricket game between Hong Kong and the Combined Services, played on the Club ground during the Chinese New Year holidays, ended in a win for Hong Kong by an innings and 24 runs.

A 52 by Owen Hughes and a 50 by Fitcher enabled Hong Kong to total 252. Gambrell took four wickets for 64 runs.

Services fared badly and were dismissed for 84. The opening batsmen did fairly well but the rest failed badly against the bowling of Howarth who took eight wickets for 16.

In their second innings, Services scored 134, of which Cole contributed 75 not out. F. Zimmerman (6 for 60) and R. E. Lee (4 for 26) took bowling honours.

Hong Kong 1st Innings
M. M. Little, c. Pantan, b. Darwin 2
J. E. Richardson, b. Gambrell 28
E. C. Fitcher, c. Shaw, b. Gambrell 50
A. R. Kitchell, b. Hope 12
H. Owen-Hughes, c. Shaw, b. Gambrell 52
G. M. Little, c. Shaw, b. Gambrell 37
K. L. C. and b. Hope 37
A. Zimmerman, c. Shaw, b. Hope 1
F. Howarth, c. Gambrell, b. Heggie 23
A. R. Minu, c. Gall, b. Heggie 1
R. E. Zimmerman, c. Shaw, b. Gambrell 15
R. E. Lee, not out 19
Extras 19
Total 252

Bowling
O. M. R. W.
Darwin 15 4 33 1
Stephens 12 1 64 0
Gambrell 22 4 64 4
Hope 17 2 33 3
Heggie 2 0 19 2

Combined Services 1st Innings
R. E. Heggie, c. Owen-Hughes, b. Howarth 21
H. Owen-Hughes, b. Howarth 21
A. D. Pantan, b. Howarth 21

2nd Innings
R. E. Heggie, b. Lee 12
A. D. Pantan, c. sub, b. F. Zimmerman 12
R. G. Shaw, c. A. Zimmerman, b. Lee 12
J. P. M. Hope, c. Owen-Hughes, b. Lee 12
A. E. G. Haig, b. Lee, b. F. Zimmerman 0
J. Baxter, c. Kitchell, b. Lee 0
A. R. Cole, not out 75
R. J. A. Darwin, b. F. Zimmerman 2
D. M. Gall, c. F. Zimmerman, b. Howarth 1
Howarth 1
E. N. Gambrell, not out 1
A. S. Stephens, b. Howarth 12
Extras 12
Total 84

Bowling
O. M. R. W.
F. Zimmerman 6 2 12 0
R. E. Lee 13 3 34 1
F. Howarth 10 4 6 16
A. R. Minu 3 0 10 1

2nd Innings
R. E. Heggie, b. Lee 12
A. D. Pantan, c. sub, b. F. Zimmerman 12
R. G. Shaw, c. A. Zimmerman, b. Lee 12
J. P. M. Hope, c. Owen-Hughes, b. Lee 12
A. E. G. Haig, b. Lee, b. F. Zimmerman 0
J. Baxter, c. Kitchell, b. Lee 0
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D. M. Gall, c. F. Zimmerman, b. Howarth 1
Howarth 1
E. N. Gambrell, b. F. Zimmerman 5
A. S. Stephens, c. Richardson, b. F. Zimmerman 4
F. Zimmerman 14
Extras 14
Total 131

Bowling
O. M. R. W.
F. Zimmerman 16 3 6 50 6
R. E. Owen-Hughes 3 0 13 0
H. Owen-Hughes 7 2 25 4
A. R. Minu 5 0 26 0
J. E. Richardson 1 0 6 0

Interport Soccer Match



Hong Kong won the interport soccer match against Shanghai on Tuesday on the Club ground. A huge crowd saw the team from the North outplayed in convincing fashion, as shown by the final score of 5-1. The picture above shows an exciting moment in the game. — "China Mail" Photo.

'SPLENDID CROWD OUT AT FANLING'

There was a splendid crowd out at Fanling for the holidays, good entries for the competitions and on Tuesday night every room in the Men's Club House was occupied. It seems to be the done thing now, spending a week-end, or longer, at Fanling.

N. J. Brooker, who recently won a Bogey Pool, continued to show that practice improves one's game by qualifying for the Captain's Cup with a net 70; 88 has 18 J. Linaker with a net 73 was beaten on the post.

Both the Bogey Pool and Medal Round attracted large fields, there being 80 attempts to beat the 'old man' and 40 tries to win the Medal Pool.

H. P. Moedie was the hero winning both the Medal and the Bogey Pool, the former with a net 69 and the latter with all square.

N. J. Brooker with a net 70 was runner-up in the Medal Round and J. Linaker and W. S. Hay each with 1 down, runners-up in the Bogey Pool.

The teams for the American Cup match will be published on Saturday. The Club Captain skips the "limes" while Bill Simmons controls the operations of the donors. The Cup itself is a very handsome piece of silver and a definite addition to the Club's trophies.

On the Feb. 21-22 week-end a new competition is introduced to Fanling—the Stableford.

Stableford System

The Stableford system of scoring, invented by Dr. Stableford of the Royal Liverpool and first tried in 1932, has become very popular at home. Play is against bogey and instead of winning, losing or halving, points are scored based on the net score at each hole.

Here is the system. Each player receives 7/8ths of his medal handicap and strokes are taken at the allotted holes.

For a hole done in one over bogey 1 point

For a hole done in one under bogey 2 points

For a hole done in two under bogey 4 points

The carry following most points, wins the pool.

As from March 1, all bookings for rooms at the Ladies Club House are to be made with the Secretary at the Club office.

Will all members and associates kindly note and, where applicable, take the necessary action.

The bamboo wireless has not been able to pick up any further signals from Manila and at the time of going to press no reply to the invitation has been received.

Historians' Corner

And now for historians' corner—last week we had done Happy Valley and, as the motor road had not been constructed, we're packing a few sandwiches and a bottle or so of beer preparatory to seeing what lay on the other side of the island.

Now read on—

Between 1891 and 1894 one or two members used to go over the hills to Deep Water Bay, then called Telegraph Bay. They took a few clubs with them and in time six holes were marked out. The maintenance of this "shoot" was taken over by the Club and the number of holes increased to nine.

In 1897 official application for the land was made and a 75-year lease granted. The old plan showed the lay-out very much as it is today though of course access was chiefly by sea and the road was shown as a "proposed road from Victoria."

The Club House was originally built about 1898 and in 1911, when the Club was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee, a new lease was granted. In 1918, the parking space was added, in 1924 the upper storey was built and the construction of the road over Wongneichong Gap in 1925 brought the Club House within easy distance of Victoria.

In 1941 Government resumed possession and the R.A.S.C. established a depot on the ground. The building and course suffered considerably during and after hostilities but the enthusiasm of the post-war members encouraged the Committee to get right ahead with a full rehabilitation programme and to day the amenities are thoroughly appreciated by large numbers of members and their families.

H.K.F.A. MEETING

Arrangements for the second round of the Governor's Cup Competition will be discussed at a meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Council on Thursday at 3.15 p.m. Arrangements for the Memorial Cup Competition Final will also be discussed.

On Monday at 5.30 p.m., the Interport Sub-Committee will meet to select teams for the Manila Interport series.

Australia's Test Team

Melbourne, Feb. 11.
There are no real surprises in Australia's cricket team to tour England this summer, 17 names of which were announced today as follows:

D. G. Bradman (South Australia), W. A. Brown (Queensland), S. G. Barnes (New South Wales), R. A. Hamence (South Australia), R. N. Harvey (Victoria), I. A. Hassett (Victoria), I. A. Johnston (Victoria), R. R. Lindwall (New South Wales), S. Loxton (Victoria), C. L. McCool (Queensland), K. R. Miller (New South Wales), A. R. Morris (New South Wales), D. Ring (Victoria), R. A. Suggs (New South Wales), D. Tullon (Queensland), E. R. Toshack (New South Wales).

Toshack will have to pass fitness tests by four doctors—Reuter.

TABLE-TENNIS

H.M.S. "London" beat the European Y.M.C.A. by 16 games to nine in a friendly table tennis match at the "Y" on Wednesday.

Among the "Y's" outstanding players were Mangan, Ridsdale and Read. For "London," Dutton and Goodfield were excellent.

SHANGHAI BEATS HONG KONG 13-3

Shanghai, Feb. 10.
Individual brilliance triumphed over teamwork when Shanghai unexpectedly defeated Hong Kong in the first post-war rugby interport this afternoon by two goals and a penalty goal (13 pts.) to a try (3 pts.).

Hong Kong were much superior as a team, dominating the scrums and delighting the large crowd with many beautiful three-quarter movements, but they lacked finish. The Colony led 3-0 at half time.

Shanghai on the other hand were playing mainly as individuals and, failing to carry through a single three-quarter movement, showed rare opportunism in making good the few chances that came their way.

Both Shanghai tries came in the last twenty minutes when Hong Kong was somewhat disorganised by the loss of Carrell, who was carried off with a broken collarbone.

Outstanding in the hard-fighting Hong Kong fifteen were Inham, Strachan, Henderson, Oliver, while the Shanghai skipper, Boyd, and Chadwick were responsible for the entire local score, the former going over twice and Chadwick making good three kicks from difficult angles.

Playing with a strong wind behind them, Hong Kong pinned Shanghai to their half for most of the first half but crossed only once.

This was in the 15th minute when Taylor went over near the touchline after the entire three-quarter line had handled. Oliver failed to add extra points.

Carrell Injured
Carrell had more of the game after changing ends, and equalized in the 15th minute when Chadwick kicked a splendid penalty goal.

Carrell's injury five minutes later was almost immediately followed by Boyd going over in a maul and the same player in the last minute of the match scored again, Chadwick converting both from difficult angles.

Both teams were introduced to the British Consul-General, Mr. A. C. N. Ogden, before the match. — Reuter.

RUGBY UNION

London, Feb. 11.
The Hong Kong team, Green-wich 18, St. Thomas Hospital 3, Cambridge University 14, Royal Air Force 3, Oxford University 0, Newport 15, British Army 12, United Hospitals 12.—Reuter.

International Softball Preliminaries

(By "Grandstand")

China blanked the Philippine Islands 14-0 while Great Britain eliminated the United States 24-4 in the International Softball preliminaries, to qualify for the semi-finals.

The British Lions had an easy time against the Stars and Stripes as they notched up nine runs in the initial inning and a further spurge of seven rallies in the fourth put the game on ice.

The Yanks were severely handicapped without a pitcher, Dale Cramer, who was down to see the rubber being still side-lined on account of an injured knee.

Solly Saul who pitched the Great Britain team to victory last year was on the mound for the Lions and yielded three hits in four frames, while Jack Brown relieving Saul in the fifth was mowed for one blow.

The British Lions unleashed a fourteen hit attack in their bid for victory, which included a grace of triples by Dave Leonard, while Dimby Abland, the Flying Tiger, was good for two singles in two batting attempts.

The Philippines Islanders held the China contingent at bay for four frames, but in the disastrous fifth, five runs for China were manufactured around five bingles, several around errors. Pety Malig started for Islanders but was relieved by Blas Despa in the second frame, but after Blas Despa was being hit at will, Pety took over pitching chores again in the seventh. Taw Chung Shan, on the job for China, batted a two-batter, but he was backed by a superb super infield which didn't let anything get through.

The Islanders had two chances to break the string of goose eggs, the first chance being in the second frame when Pety Malig slashed a sizzler through third base, but Frankie Smidke and Blas Despa went down to leave Pety stranded at the far corner. Hideo Coates, trapped out the other side in the fourth, pilfered second, but was caught over-running third base.

Great Britain meet Portugal and China tangle with India in the semi-finals which will be played off in the near future.

Soccer Schedule
The following is the League soccer programme for the week ending Feb. 15:

Saturday
SECOND DIVISION "A"
Kit Chee v. Navy (Navy, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Deacons.
S. China v. Eastern (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Frank.
H.K.F.A. v. Dockyard (Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Crawford.

St. Joseph's v. Police (Happy Valley, 4 p.m.) Referee: Gallies.
K.M. Bus v. W.D. Chinese (Police, 4 p.m.) Referee: Bragan.
"B" SECTION
Sing Tao v. Chinese A.A. (Navy, 4 p.m.) Referee: Redman.

Sunday
FIRST DIVISION
Club v. Kit Chee (Club, 4 p.m.) Referee: Padley, Linesmen: Guest and Foston.
Sing Tao v. St. Joseph's (Club, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Bisho, Linesmen: A.M. Lee and Ribeiro.
K.M. Bus v. Kwong Wah (postponed)
Chinese A.A. v. Police (Police, 4 p.m.) Referee: Willis, Linesmen: Xavier and Leung.
Eastern v. Navy (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.) Referee: Ward, Linesmen: Day and Mak.
Buffs v. Innicks (Sookampoon, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Young, Linesmen: Li Ping and Barretto.
Barretto.
25th R.A. v. R.A.F. (Sookampoon, 4 p.m.) Referee: McKoyne, Linesmen: Barretto and Redman.

SECOND DIVISION "A"
Taikoo v. R.A.O.C. (Navy, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Farmer.
"B" SECTION
S. China v. Eastern (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Day.
R.A. v. R.A.M.C. (Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.) Referee: Group.
R.E.N.I. v. Signals (Happy Valley, 4 p.m.) Referee: Delgado.
Cadre v. Club (C. Cadre with drawn from Lengur).

Averages
Since we last published the batting averages in the Ladies' loop, many have fallen by the wayside, while others getting into their normal batting stride have replaced them.

Whichever number Lilla Bialde still retains the title of Queen of Swat with Aces, centre-gardener Melvie Soares climbing up to within threatening position—Melvie need one more hit to share honours with Bialde.

Walton first sacker Hilda Soares fell to a meagre .344 while Celly Guzman who once ruled the most barely made the grade with .308.

The improvement in the Canckettes, evidenced by their astounding opposition against the Aces, is reflected in the averages, short-stop Jean Lee climbing up to No. 3 while Alice Mar and Lilla Khoo are well above the 500 mark.

Up-to-date position is as follows:

Games At Bat Hits Pct.
L. Bialde 5 19 9 .474
M. Soares 5 14 4 .444
Jean Lee 7 29 11 .379
Gillie Gann 7 27 10 .370
Irene Castillo 9 31 11 .355
Hilda Soares 9 32 11 .344
Patsy Ribeiro 9 33 11 .333
Lilla Khoo 5 21 7 .333
P. Barros 7 22 6 .273
A. Mar 7 22 6 .273
C. Gutierrez 7 22 6 .273

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